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Kremlin backs U.N. bid

MOSCOW, March 29 (U) — U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said Tuesday he had received renewed support from Soviet leaders for his efforts in solving the Afghanistan problem. He said he felt encouraged by talks he had with Soviet leader Yuri Andropov and Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko. But he indicated that one of the problems was the presence of an estimated 105,000 Soviet troops in Afghanistan.

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Bring Israel to book over poisonings, Chatti says

JEDDAH, March 29 (Agencies) — The Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) Secretary-General Habib Chatti Tuesday called for firm international action against the poisoning of girl students in Jenin in the occupied West Bank.

In an appeal to the Islamic states and international organizations, Chatti said Israel had proved once again that its crimes against the Palestinian people were boundless.

"After the Israeli invasion of Lebanon, the Sabra and Shatila massacres and the attack on Al-Aqsa Mosque, the Zionists have committed a most heinous crime in contemporary history against innocent children in the most vicious way," he added.

Chatti said the new Israeli crime was not a coincidence or an accident but part of an Israeli plan to terrorize the Palestinian people and force them to leave their homes.

"It also aims at liquidating more Palestinians in order to weaken the Palestinian commando movement," he added. The secretary-general urged the United Nations and the International Red Crescent Society to set up an international fact-finding mission to investigate this "painful incident."

Meanwhile, the Israeli Army has reimposed a curfew on Jenin, a northern West Bank community following violent incidents Monday night involving young Palestinian demonstrators. A group of youths set fire to an appliance store while demonstrators hurled stones and broke windows in the home of a "Village League" official.

Jenin had been tense after the poisoning of more than 500 Palestinian schoolgirls in the area. The local population has held residents of neighboring Jewish settlements responsible.

A two-day curfew was lifted Monday night by the army.

Palestinian news agency Wafa said Jenin has been gripped by a state of horror as the gas poison has spread to residential areas. The most affected areas were the eastern part of the town and the nearby village of Almaniye.

Similar poisonings have also occurred in the village of Sa'ir near Hebron in the West Bank, prompting the putting of all West Bank hospitals in a state of maximum alert, Wafa said.

In Tunis, a Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) spokesman accused the Israeli government and army of responsibility for the poisoning.

The spokesman, Ahmad Abdul Rahman, said the Israeli government and "the Israeli terrorist clans" had committed a heinous crime "against the young Palestinians by poisoning water supplies and laying down 'toxic products' in schools."

From Gulf states

Iran seeks aid to combat slick

BAHRAIN, March 29 (R) — Iran has asked its Arab neighbors in the Gulf to help break up a huge oil slick which is threatening marine life and coastal water desalination and power plants.

Iranian Ambassador Ali Shams Ardakani issued the invitation in a press statement in Kuwait as teams stood by to attack the slick, twice the size of New York's Manhattan Island. "We said we are ready to send our team and invited other Gulf countries, except Iraq, to join us to face this immense pollution threat," Dr. Shams told Reuters by telephone.

The pollution is partly the result of the 30-month-old Iraq-Iran war, which is also hampering efforts to deal with it.

Dr. Shams said Kuwait and a Bahraini official from the Kuwait-based regional organization for marine protection and environment arrived in Tehran to discuss the problem with Iranian officials.

Environment officials said the slick, containing more than 100,000 barrels of crude, was floating 25 nautical miles north of Bahrain and Qatar and 40 miles from the Saudi Arabian coast.

The oil comes from two wells northwest of the main Iranian export terminal at Kharg Island, a prime target of Iraqi air raids. Dr. Shams said two other wells were also on fire in the Nowruz field, abandoned four years ago.

He said American oil firefighting experts earlier assembled in Abu Dhabi to cap the wells but Iraq threatened to intervene and Iran had to cancel the contract at a loss of \$1 million.

Iranian Prime Minister Mir-Hossein Mousavi accused Iraq Monday of continuing to fire rockets at the oil platforms and said Tehran would not try to repair the damage until it had adequate security guarantees.

Dr. Shams called on the marine protection and environment body, of which Iraq and Iran are members, to meet as soon as possible and decide responsibility for the pollution.

Danger to Kingdom ruled out

By S. Sidahmed

Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, March 29 — Information available so far does not indicate that the oil slick is moving toward the Kingdom. Fahd Al-Khayal, deputy oil minister for technical affairs, told Arab News Tuesday. Wind and sea currents are favoring the Kingdom he added.

Aerial and water surveys are being conducted all over the Kingdom's east coast from Al-Khafji in the north down to south close to Bahrain and Qatar. While aircraft operate in daytime only, naval activities go on during the night too. Moreover, the Meteorology and Environment Protection Administration (MEPA) has chartered an aircraft to help in the reconnaissance in the Eastern Province. Ships and planes operating through the area are requested to pass any information they come across to the authorities.

Khayal said the precautions are well under way to meet the oil slick if it enters the Kingdom's waters. Two possible options are open: either to contain the slick and get special ships to swallow it and take it away or spray certain chemicals on it to fragment it and send it to the depth of the sea. This option is not preferable due to its direct threat to marine life.

Lebanon threatens to break off parley

BEIRUT, March 29 (Agencies) — Lebanon on Tuesday threatened to break off negotiations on the withdrawal of foreign troops from its territory unless Israel showed a willingness to compromise.

"If the Israelis do not understand that it is in their interest to reach a peace with Lebanon, we will, in my opinion, have to interrupt the negotiations," said former Prime Minister Saeb Salam, Lebanese President Amin Gemayel's envoy on a recent mission to Washington.

Salam, emerging from a meeting with U.S. envoy Philip Habib and Lebanese parliament President Assad added that Lebanon was running out of patience in the tripartite talks.

Habib also met separately Tuesday with Lebanese Prime Minister Shafiq Wazzan, and held a work session with President Gemayel in the presence of chief U.S. negotiator Morris Draper.

A diplomatic source here said Habib submitted suggestions for overcoming obstacles

in the area of post-withdrawal security arrangements, and that Lebanese officials presented their own ideas on the subject.

Wazzan also voiced exasperation with the slow-moving talks after meetings with Habib. "I can say that there is nothing new in what he (Habib) has brought us or anything new in what he is conveying from our side," Wazzan told reporters. "Today we say enough, enough, enough and do not want any going around in a vicious circle after that."

A major point of contention was said to be the role of Maj. Saad Haddad, dissident chief of the Lebanese Christian militia in southern Lebanon, who Israel insists should play a key role in the security arrangements.

The Lebanese independent daily *Al-Nahar* Tuesday quoted Habib as having said in private that he was "frustrated by the lack of progress" in the talks.



Saeb Salam

Syria ready to repulse Israeli attack

DAMASCUS, March 29 (AP) — Prime Minister Abdul Raouf al-Kasm said Tuesday an Israeli attack on Syria was "possible and expected... but we say in full confidence we are ready for it."

The official Syrian news agency SANA said Kasm made the statement in a cabinet session held to assess "Israel's mounting threats" following the recent deployment of low-range SAM-5 anti-aircraft missile bases in Syria.

Kasm said the threats were "closely connected with American schemes to use Israeli aggression to hit out at the Arab will," according to SANA.

Indicating that Syria was better equipped to do battle now than during the Lebanon war last summer, Kasm said: "To make Syria bow was impossible in the past. Today it is even more impossible, than before."

Syrian Cultural Minister Mrs. Attar warned in a newspaper article that the Soviet Union would actively intervene on Syria's side if Israel launched an offensive against Syria.

"The Soviet Union will not only upgrade

Syria's defense capabilities, but will stand directly on its side militarily, too," Mrs. Attar wrote in the Syrian government newspaper *Tishrin*.

Mrs. Attar said the Soviets would intervene even if the Israeli attack was directed against the estimated 38,000-man Syrian force stationed in Lebanon.

Israel's new Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Moshe Levy, who will take over command next month, said last week his army was ready for a new confrontation with Syria in the spring or summer.

Lebanese reporters said both Israel and Syria moved tank reinforcements onto their 40-kilometer ceasefire line in Bekaa Valley for three straight days last week.

Beirut newspapers said Syrian and Israeli forces were busy digging new trenches and fortifying their positions on both sides of the Bekaa front Sunday and Monday.

The Soviet Union and Syria called on Monday for an unconditional withdrawal of Israeli occupation forces from Lebanon.

Oil price row erupts in Nigeria

LAGOS, March 29 (R) — A major split has opened up within the government on how to react to any further cut in the price of North Sea oil, which competes directly with Nigerian crude, informed sources said Tuesday.

They said a significant part of the government, led by economic specialists, was pressing for a matching cut to maintain Nigeria's present 50 cents a barrel advantage over North Sea crude should the British National Oil Corporation (BNOC) make another cut in price.

Petroleum experts in the government, by contrast, were supporting a policy of pricing Nigerian crude at par with the North Sea oil if the 50 cents difference is erased by BNOC, they said.

A proposal by BNOC to cut prices by \$3 a barrel last month led Nigeria to slash prices by \$5.50 a barrel to turn \$2 a barrel disadvantage against North Sea crude into a price advantage.

U.S. arms proposals fail to enthuse Soviets

GENEVA, March 29 (R) — Soviet negotiator Yuri Kvitsinsky said Tuesday he was "not very optimistic" after a meeting at which the U.S. was believed to have presented new proposals for limiting medium-range missiles in Europe.

NATO sources in Brussels said Monday U.S. negotiator Paul Nitze was to present the proposals to Kvitsinsky Tuesday but neither U.S. nor Soviet officials here would confirm that they were tabled.

Asked whether he had received them, Kvitsinsky paused, shrugged his shoulders, and said: "I am not very optimistic. But let us see." He declined further comment.

U.S. mission sources said the talks would recess until May 17, which the NATO sources said was two weeks earlier than envisaged. The present round of the 16-month-old talks began on Jan. 27.

The U.S. mission later issued a statement confirming the date, adding only that Tuesday's meeting lasted one hour and 10 minutes.

The new proposals detailed Monday by NATO sources would represent a major shift in the deadlocked talks since they would be a departure from previous U.S. insistence on the so-called zero option.

Under the zero option there would be no land-based medium-range missiles in Europe. NATO would forgo the planned deployment of its Cruise and Pershing-2 missiles and the Soviet Union would scrap all its missiles already installed.

This has been rejected by the Soviet Union, which says it implies one-sided concessions by Moscow.

The new U.S. plan would offer to scale

down NATO's projected deployment only partly, with the Soviet Union cutting its missiles to an agreed ceiling.

Nitze did not speak to the press before or after Tuesday's meeting at the U.S. diplomatic mission and American officials declined all further comment.

In Moscow, a senior commentator said Tuesday the Soviet Union will seriously consider any new U.S. proposals for limiting medium-range nuclear weapons in Europe.

But foreign affairs expert Valentin Falin voiced skepticism that Washington was prepared to put forward ideas which could lead to a compromise and would be acceptable to the Kremlin.

His article, in the government daily *Izvestia*, followed reports that the United States was softening its position.

Reagan to clarify stand on missiles

WASHINGTON, March 29 (R) — President Reagan will make a statement Wednesday about the U.S. position in European missile talks with the Soviet Union, the White House announced Tuesday.

U.S. officials said he would announce new proposals for limiting medium-range missiles in Europe.

The White House said the president will make his statement at 10 a.m. (1500 GMT) Wednesday in the White House, a few hours before his scheduled departure to spend Easter in California.

He is to deliver a major foreign policy speech in Los Angeles on Thursday.

'Greens' cause a flutter

BONN, March 29 (AP) — The anti-NATO Greens Party entered the West German parliament for the first time Tuesday, marching to the legislature building in a festive parade featuring banners, and bongo drums.

While other delegates arrived at the parliament in private cars and limousines, the radical Greens paraded 3.2 kilometer from downtown Bonn to the government quarter in what party leaders said was a symbolic show of unity with their supporters. "We are entering parliament with the people," said spokesman Lucas Beckmann.

Some 300 supporters marched with the Greens, waving banners protesting nuclear power plants, acid rain, the East-West arms race, the West German census and other issues.

Many of the mostly youthful supporters carried flowers and dead pine branches to symbolize their concern over environmental issues, while others held placards denouncing the NATO plan to station new U.S.-built nuclear missiles in West Germany.

"We will have no justification to be in parliament without this movement outside controlling and guiding us," Greens leader Petra Kelly told the Associated Press, speaking in English.

The Greens are a grass roots coalition of local environmental, pacifist and anti-nuclear groups that won 27 parliamentary seats in West Germany's national elections March 6.

In keeping with their counter-culture image, many Greens sported blue jeans and sweaters for their first parliamentary session.

Jogging saves man trapped in freezer

JEDDAH, March 29 — A man locked by mistake in a deep freezer at Joff managed to survive and escape with a minor cold, *Al-Madina* reported Tuesday.

The worker at a cold store here found himself trapped inside the freezer at a temperature of minus five degrees Celsius.

As knocking at the door and screaming proved to be futile, the man thought of stopping the ventilators, then realized that it would increase his chances of death through suffocation. Finally, he decided to generate energy by jogging back and forth inside the freezer. That proved to be the right solution; for a customer later came to buy some food and released the trapped man.

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Cabinet evaluates Arab peace drive

RIYADH, March 29 (SPA) — The prevailing conditions in the Arab world and latest developments concerning the Palestinian cause were reviewed here Monday at the weekly session of the Council of Ministers under Crown Prince Abdullah, the first deputy premier and commander of the National Guard.

Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani, who just returned from an official visit to Bahrain, said that the cabinet discussed the Arab drive toward a just and comprehensive peace settlement based on the Arab peace plan adopted at the Fez summit.

The cabinet also reviewed the situation in Lebanon and the outcome of the three-way talks for the withdrawal of Zionist forces from Lebanese territory. It debated Israel's intransigent attitude at the talks and its unconventional behavior and increased arrogance which call for an international drive to stop it and remove the effects of what it is doing in Jerusalem and the occupied Arab territories.

Prince Abdullah apprised the cabinet of the content of the message King Fahd received from Algerian President Chedli Benjedid and the ones the King sent to a number of Gulf and other Arab leaders. He also acquainted the cabinet with the results of the visit to Saudi Arabia paid

recently by Yasser Arafat, the chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The cabinet was briefed by Prince Miteb ibn Abdul Aziz, the minister of public works and housing and acting minister of municipal and rural affairs, on the outcome of the first round of the housing ministers of the Gulf Cooperation Council states.

Dr. Yamani said that the cabinet approved a report by Dr. Ghazi Aljosaibi, the minister of industry and electricity and acting health minister, to appoint Dr. Nazih Hassan Nassif as health undersecretary for executive affairs. The appointment follows the King's ratification of the new system devised by the Health Ministry to enhance health services and ensure them everywhere in Saudi Arabia.

The cabinet reviewed the text of an agreement for Saudi Arabian graduates of the Kingdom's Faculties of medicine to train in government hospitals in Vienna. It listened to a report on the subject by Higher Education Minister Hassan Abdullah Al-Sheikh and empowered him to sign the accord.

Furthermore, the cabinet examined the annual report on the activities of the Saudi Development Fund and the loans it gave to friendly states. It also approved a request by Muhammad Aba Al-Khaili, the minister of finance and national economy, to appoint Osama Jaafar Faqih as board chairman of the Saudi Credit Bank at the 15th grade.

Iranian mob delays Yamani's U.S. lecture

MANHATTAN, Kansas, March 29 (AP) — Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani said demonstrators who screamed at him and delayed his speech at Kansas State University were "young, misled and ... so frustrated."

Shouting protesters, who appeared to be Iranians, delayed Yamani's lecture for over an hour Monday. He was able to begin his talk only after officials temporarily cleared the auditorium and arrested four demonstrators.

University President Daune C. Acker said most of the protesters were not associated with the university. Michael Suleiman, a political science professor and adviser to the Campus Organization of Arab Students, said they appeared to be Iranians from out of town.

Several dozen demonstrators screamed at him just before he was to begin a talk on control and decontrol of oil prices, witnesses said.

After the shouting began, Yamani left the stage and Acker tried unsuccessfully to quieten the crowd. Acker then ordered McCain Auditorium emptied. Most of the 1,800 persons left quietly, but several protesters had to be dragged out by force.

When Yamani returned to the stage one hour and 20 minutes later, only students, patrons of a special lecture series and members of the media with proper identification were readmitted.

He told the audience that Saudi



Ahmad Zaki Yamani

Arabia's friendly relationship with the United States has caused bitterness in some countries of the Middle East. "What you saw this morning was a reflection of some of that bitterness," Yamani said. "They are young, misled and they feel so frustrated."

Campus security director Art Stone said the four persons arrested were charged with disorderly conduct and resisting a police officer, and were held on \$300 bonds. Police said they were to appear in court Tuesday.

The auditorium arrests apparently sparked a brief scuffle in the student union after the speech, Stone said. No injuries were reported, but seven more persons were arrested and charged with misdemeanor battery. None were students at the university, he said.

In his address, Yamani defended efforts by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to control oil prices. He said a free oil market would cut OPEC prices in half and increase demand.

Private hospitals to rotate in accepting accident cases

JEDDAH, March 29 — There will be a system of rotation whereby certain private hospitals here will be appointed every day to receive accident cases, *Al-Madina* reported Tuesday.

Health Ministry adviser Dr. Adnan Jamjoun presided over a meeting Monday of directors of the city's 11 private hospitals. The meeting was also attended by a representative of the Jeddah Traffic Department. It divided Jeddah into geographical zones for the private hospitals to receive victims of accidents.

At the end of the meeting, it was decided that four private hospitals will be on the roster one day, then four others the next day, and three the third day. The technical details as to how to receive the cases, sign the reports concerning the injured or transfer wounded persons who are under arrest pending the results of an investigation to a government hospital were thoroughly discussed.

Private hospitals will also provide offices for traffic representatives, and there will be a special telephone line for accidents.

Block arrives for agriculture talks

RIYADH, March 29 (SPA) — U.S. Agriculture Secretary John Block arrived here Tuesday at the head of a high-level delegation for a visit to Saudi Arabia. He was greeted at the airport by Commerce Minister and acting Agriculture Minister Dr. Suleiman Al-Solaim and the U.S. Ambassador to the Kingdom Richard Murphy.

Block will have talks with officials of the Agriculture and Water Resources Ministry on means of developing cooperation in the field of agriculture. He is also due to formally open a new office for the American agricultural attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Jeddah.

Naif lauds Somalia's ban on Qat

RIYADH, March 29 (SPA) — Minister of Interior Prince Naif has expressed satisfaction over Somalia's decision to ban Qat and impose sanctions on growers, sellers and importers.

"wise and brave move" that would help the fraternal Somali people to get rid of the problems arising from using this destructive item. Qat is a narcotic plant which is extensively grown in North Yemen, Ethiopia and Somalia. Since it is habit-forming, chewing it leads to addiction and constitutes a drain on the resources of users.

In a cable sent to the Somali interior minister, Prince Naif described the decision as a

GCC labor aides stress cooperation

RIYADH, March 29 (SPA) — Labor and social affairs under secretaries from the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) have called for avoiding duplication in preparing feasibility studies for technical projects and stressed the need to foster cooperation in the field of social affairs.

Monday, the undersecretaries delegated the GCC Secretariat to prepare a study on standardizing names for various social establishments in member states. They also called for considering the prospect of unifying labor legislations and recommended promotion of cooperation in the field of labor among GCC member states.

At the end of a two-day meeting here

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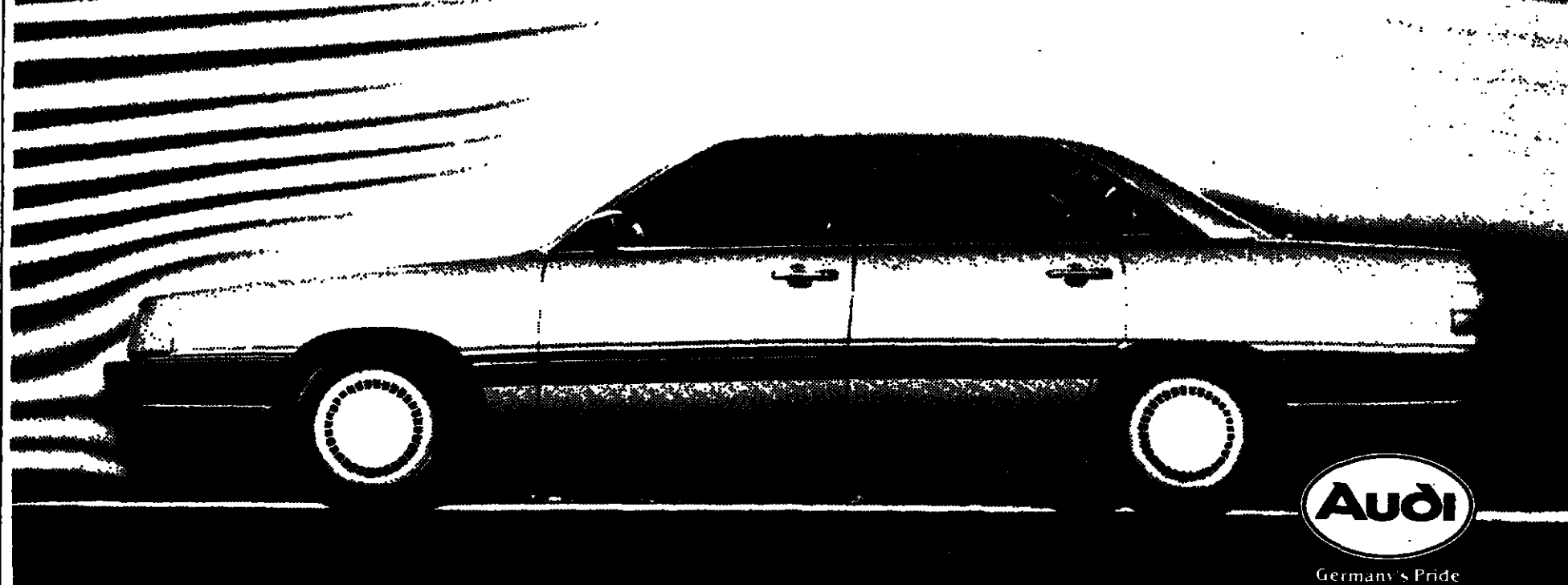
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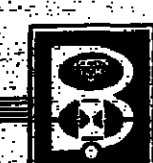
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3 missions planned next month

French to boost joint ventures

By K.S. Ramkumar
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, March 29 — France's joint ventures with the Kingdom are poised for a big boost with three major missions planned in April, according to French Embassy Commercial Counselor Jean Maurice Verbois.

The first mission will negotiate with Saudi Arabian businessmen for setting up joint venture manufacturing plants, the second will participate in the "Saudi Agriculture Show" in Riyadh and the third, an official one, led by Jean Nestor, head of the international department of the French Ministry of Agriculture, will explore the Kingdom's markets.

Verbois told Arab News that the first mission of investors representing 25 manufacturing companies and five maintenance and service firms will be in the Kingdom from April 16 to 23 to hold direct talks with Saudi Arabian businessmen for setting up joint ventures.

The mission with "carefully selected" businessmen, under the patronage of the National Board of the French Company Managers (CNPF) together with the commercial services of the French Embassy and with both the Saudi-French Bank in the Kingdom and IndoSuez Bank in France, will be led by Christian d'Aumale, chairman of the Middle East Committee of CNPF.

CNPF, a federation of professional associations from the industrial and commercial fields, is commissioned to act, represent, coordinate and inform on behalf of all French private companies, Verbois said adding that it is "by far the largest and the most representative French professional association."

The main goal of this mission, he said, is to find Saudi Arabian partners for joint ventures, especially in the manufacturing sector. This form of cooperation is certainly the most suitable one to strengthen and develop economic ties between France and the Kingdom. "Furthermore, it corresponds to the ideas voiced by the Saudi Arabian authorities during official visits of several French ministers last December," Verbois added.

The mission will successively stay in Jeddah, at the Meridien Hotel, from April 16 to 18, in Riyadh from April 19 to 20, and in Alkhobar from April 21 to 23. During the visit, several meetings will take place with the related ministries various chambers of commerce and many private businessmen interested in forming joint ventures, he said.

The organizers carried out a preliminary study during the last few months in order to point out the most suitable sectors of common interest.

The various sectors represented by mission members are: food products industry — daily products, and jam, manufacture of liquid sugar from corn or sorghum for soft drinks industry, biscuits, mini drinks and pepper-mustard; agricultural equipments — partly manufacturing irrigation equipment, assembly of pumps for injection of liquid fertilizers by aspersion systems; plastic chemicals — manufacture of plastic fittings like joints and T-elbows for pipes, plastic rotomolding and industrial glues.

The other sectors are: automotive industry — lining of brakes and clutch, buckets and equipment for trucks and industrial boiler-making and insulating panels; industrial and civil works products — fences, boxes for electricity meter, road signals and concrete pipes; consumer products — wooden furniture; maintenance — creation of training centers for maintenance of electrical and electronic equipment, general maintenance of diesel, electricity, industrial electronic equipment, ships, airports, refineries, desalination plants,



Jean Maurice Verbois

power plants, offshore platforms, port equipment. Maintenance services are also offered in electrical and electronic fields, cold storage units and airplanes.

Verbois said his country's joint ventures "will surely get a boost" in the Kingdom which already has about 50 such ventures here. The Saudi-French Bank, the first joint venture established five years ago, he said, will be closely associated with organizing and programming the mission's activities during its visit. The other existing ventures cover sectors like construction, security equipment, water meters, electricity, gas, etc.

Commercial attaché Noel Bonnefoy said his country will make an "unofficial" participation in the Saudi Agriculture show scheduled in Riyadh from April 10 to 14. By unofficial, he meant that a mission of only private companies, about 30 of them, from France will exhibit their products and services. Exhibits will include tractors and other farm equipment, seeds, grain houses, veterinary products, agro-industries and fertilizers.

Agricultural research, engineering and management as well as breeding of sheep, goats and other cattle, irrigation equipment,



Noel Bonnefoy

cultivation of fruit like lemon and orange, poultry farming and veterinary research will all be displayed.

According to Commercial Attaché Michel Lallemand, the third mission will be an official one to visit the Kingdom from April 18 to 20. Some of those coming for the show will join this mission which will tour Riyadh and Hail after arriving in Jeddah and explore the Kingdom's markets and mutual trade exchanges.

This mission will consist of 40 members, 25 of whom will represent the Association for the Promotion of Exchanges of Food Products and Agricultural Technology (ADEPTA).

ADEPTA, established in July 1977 under the aegis of the ministries of agriculture and economy and the Foreign Trade Center of France, is claimed to be non-profit organization consisting of major firms from all segments of the agro-development sector capable of meeting the requirements of specific export problems or integrated agricultural development projects.

ADEPTA's objective is to contribute toward promoting closer links between various firms, necessarily complementary under some circumstances and to consider the foreign exchange markets with a new approach of vertical integration. It strives for achieving closer links between firms and institutions working for agriculture and agro-development. Besides, it promotes a better cooperation between public authorities and private firms.

According to a note circulated by its vice-chairman Jean Ayral, ADEPTA groups today 81 firms in various sectors — exporters of agricultural products and inputs for agriculture; consulting firms specialized in agriculture and hydraulics; engineering firms, complete suppliers of turnkey plants; exporters of machinery and equipment for the agro-business industry; exporters of agricultural machinery; exporters of agro-business techniques; scientific research institutions, technical institutes specialized in tropical agronomy; and banks.

ADEPTA's activities are mainly giving official welcome in France of foreign decision-makers; organizing debates in honor of high-level personalities; organizing official missions mainly oriented toward agricultural or agro-industrial development projects abroad; and organizing French participation in international exhibitions.

Among the people making up the mission, there are consulting firms, equipment and agricultural machinery manufacturers, technicians, scientists. This large variety undoubtedly gives an opportunity to show the high potential of a French participation and contribution to the developing of integrated agricultural projects, it is claimed.

During the last three years, ADEPTA organized debates with French or foreign high level decision-makers; extended several invitations in France of foreign decision-makers which gave them opportunities to visit French firms and know about their products, techniques and engineering.

It also organized five missions abroad with a delegation of firms accompanying a French secretary of state each time. This type of mission showed with evidence how efficient a joint action between public authorities and private firms can be. Besides, such an official mission offers considerable help to firms in introducing their techniques and give them a good opportunity to strengthen their position over some markets.

Licenses issued for new plants

RIYADH, March 29 — An SR152.8 million biscuit factory with an annual capacity of 19,500 tons has been licensed here by the Ministry of Industry and Electricity.

According to Al-Bilad, licenses were also issued for the establishment of a date processing factory at Al-Zalva at a total cost of SR27.6 million and a capacity of 4,300 tons of dates per year. The ministry also approved an SR18.3 million fodder factory with a total annual capacity of 34,000 tons of fodder in Kharaj.

A license was also granted for an SR7.8 million factory which will produce ready-made houses and cooling systems in Qasim.

Sudan projects viewed

JEDDAH, March 29 (SPA) — Sudanese Finance and Economic Planning Minister Ibrahim Moneim Mansour met here recently with Labor and Social Affairs Minister Ibrahim Al-Ankary and Islamic Development Bank (IDB) President Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali.

The meeting concentrated on existing cooperation between the bank and Sudan as well as development projects financed by the IDB. It also revived the prospect of the bank financing new projects in Sudan.

Moneim arrived here Sunday for a visit to the Kingdom.

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Islamic economics committee formed

ISLAMABAD, March 29 (SPA) — An international conference on Islamic economics has set up a 12-member experts committee to take effective measures for the implementation of the conference's recommendations.

The Islamabad Islamic University's vice chancellor, Dr. Hussein Hamid Hassan, told reporters that the conference had also agreed to form an international association of Islamic economists with a permanent secretariat.

Strong bonds exist between Kingdom, Arab neighbors

RIYADH, March 29 — Relations between Saudi Arabia and the Arab states of North Yemen and Morocco have been described as strong in press statements issued here and in Sanaa.

North Yemen President Ali Abdullah Saleh called relations between his country and the Kingdom as "strong, balanced and distinguished." He said mutual interest and neighborliness added strength to these relations.

North Yemen and other brotherly states in the Arab peninsula and the Gulf have a feeling of oneness, he added. Saleh said that the Kingdom and all other Gulf states as well as the rest of the Arab countries had not refrained from extending aid to North Yemen to carry out its development plans. He said this cooperation is considered an important step in Arab economic unity.

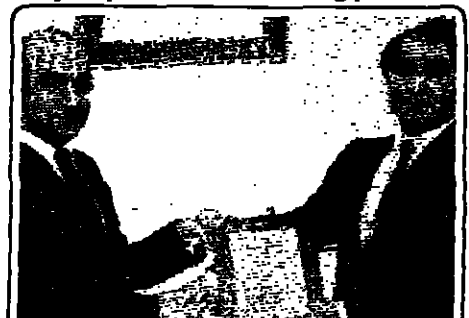
Moroccan Parliament speaker Ould Sidi Baba, in an interview published in Al-Jazirah described relations between Morocco and

Saudi Arabia as "ideal." He said the future will reveal the large role played by King Fahd to ensure reconciliation between Algeria and Morocco.

"This reconciliation is a victory for the Arab nation both at the political and economic levels because the Arab states succeeded in overcoming their peripheral differences and a new hope to resolve Arab issues will be fulfilled," Baba said.

The parliamentarian expressed the hope that Moroccan-Algerian reconciliation will be joined by other African states to bring the states forming the Arab Maghreb closer together.

Baba said the meeting between King Hassan and President Cheddi Benjedid will definitely help overcome all existing problems.



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Pakistan, France boost nuclear ties

ISLAMABAD, March 29 (AFP) — French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson said at the start of a two-day official visit here that there was progress in relations between France and Pakistan on nuclear questions.

Cheysson said he hoped to discuss the issue here in the light of past disagreement between the two countries and Pakistan's present nuclear plans.

In 1976, France refused to honor a \$400 million contract for the construction of a nuclear reprocessing plant on the Indus River at Chasma, 210 kilometers south of here.

Cheysson, the first French Foreign Minister to visit Pakistan in 18 years, said the decision to suspend the project had been taken in the time of former President Valery Giscard d'Estaing.

Pakistan has just appealed for international offers for the construction of a nuclear power plant on the same site, and Paris has authorized the French company Framatome to tender.

Cheysson refused further comment before meeting with his Pakistani counterpart Sahabzada Yaqub Khan and Finance Minister Ghulam Ishaq Khan.

U.S. intelligence agencies suspect Pakistan of wanting to obtain a nuclear weapon despite frequent denials by President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq, who refuses to sign a nuclear non-proliferation treaty until India agrees to do so.

Before Cheysson's arrival here, Pakistani officials made no secret of their wish to broach the nuclear issue with him.

Cheysson also said that France and Pakistan shared "the same fundamental approach" to the Afghan problem. "We cannot accept that a country should be occupied by foreign troops and its people deprived of the right to self-determination," he said.

Evoking the "old and friendly relations" between the two countries, he said he would discuss all bilateral issues with the Pakistani leadership as well as regional issues, the Middle East and southern Asia.

In another development, Pakistani editors Monday approved the organization of an 11-member press council to be headed by a judge of the Supreme Court and including 10 editors.

The press council would recommend to the

government penalties against newspapers found to have acted irresponsibly, a press release of the Pakistan Newspapers Organization said.

The Pakistani newspaper editors protested to the government last year after newspapers were penalized for publishing objectionable stories.

Inqilab Matri, president of the editors' body, said the press council is a first for Pakistani journalism. Approval and recognition by the government is pending, Matri added.

According to another report, two universities in Karachi reopened Tuesday, after rioting forced closure of the schools for more than four weeks.

Karachi University and the University of Engineering and Technology were closed following on campus clashes between rival leftist and rightist groups. The schools remained closed as sectarian fighting flared elsewhere in the city between Shia and Sunni Muslims.

Students arrested during the fighting have been released, the police sources said.

A curfew in districts of Liaquatabad was lifted on Monday after a week of sectarian rioting there, police said.

Qabous in Amman

AMMAN, March 29 (R) — Sultan Qabous ibn Said of Oman arrived here Tuesday for three days of talks with King Hussein of Jordan, Omani Embassy officials said. The official Jordanian news agency Petra said the talks would cover the Middle East situation and bilateral relations.

Iranian plane shot down

BAGHDAD, March 29 (R) — Iraqi air defenses shot down an Iranian military jet that crossed into Iraq Tuesday near Al-Shib, east of Amarah, an Iraqi military spokesman said. The Iraqi News Agency quoted the spokesman as saying the plane was one of two Iranian jets that approached the Iraqi border. They were fired on and one was seen to burst into flames, the spokesman said.

Israeli soldier killed in ambush

BEIRUT, March 29 (AP) — Commandos killed one Israeli soldier and wounded two others on the fog-shrouded international highway between Beirut and Damascus during the night, Israeli Army medical corpsmen said Tuesday.

The attack was staged about 200 meters from a big stone villa where about 70 Israeli soldiers were attending a party.

An Israeli Army spokesman said a patrol consisting of a command car, jeep and armored personnel carrier was attacked near Kahale, 12 kilometers southeast of Beirut. He said there were casualties but could not give more details.

However, medical corpsmen returning from the scene said a passenger in the command car was killed and two other soldiers were wounded in the ambush.

The ambush underscored escalating commando warfare against the Israeli invasion Army. The military command in Tel Aviv said 12 Israeli soldiers had been wounded in a spate of attacks in central and southern Lebanon within the last two weeks.

The latest attack brought the Israeli casualty toll to 126 killed and 212 wounded since the Lebanon war ended last September, according to the Israeli count.

The Lebanese National Resistance Front claimed responsibility for Monday night's attacks in a statement.

The statement, published by a local newspaper, said the commandos were Lebanese members of the front and all had returned safely to base after the "rocket-propelled grenade attack that hit three enemy army vehicles and wounded an undetermined number of enemy troops."

This group has claimed responsibility for almost all the attacks against the Israeli Army.

The group is believed to consist of nationalist Lebanese militiamen who were allied with the PLO during Lebanon's 1975-76 Civil War and the Israeli invasion last June.

Kaddoumi links Middle East peace to Palestinian state

AMMAN, March 29 (R) — A Palestinian leader said Tuesday there could be no peace in the Middle East unless Palestinians achieved their right to statehood and self-determination.

Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the Palestine Liberation Organization's (PLO) political department, told Reuters in an interview: "There can be no peace in the Middle East until Palestinians achieve their rights to statehood and self-determination and the refugees return home."

The PLO official arrived in the Jordanian capital from Damascus on Sunday to join PLO chief Yasser Arafat in talks with King Hussein. But Arafat's visit has been delayed.

He said U.S. President Ronald Reagan's Middle East peace plan fell short of meeting Palestinian aspirations and was not a fair basis for a just settlement. The plan envisages an Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank and Gaza Strip and Palestinian self-rule there in association with Jordan.

Kaddoumi insisted the PLO should have a role in any peace talks. "We reject the idea that the PLO should be represented by others," he added.

Washington refuses to talk to the PLO while it declines to recognize Israel's right to exist. It has been suggested that a way round this could be a joint delegation of Jordanian officials and Palestinians who are not PLO officials.

Kaddoumi said the Jordanians understood the PLO stand on this. "We in turn appreciate the great concern shown by our brothers to recover the land and achieve the legitimate national rights (of the Palestinians)," the PLO official said. He described Jordanian-Palestinian relations as "fruitful, constructive and fraternal."

"There are no problems between us, the problem lies with the United States which is

trying to make us concede part of our rights," he added. He did not expect any change in the American stand on the Middle East as Washington was still unable to meet the minimum demands of the Palestinians, he said.

Kaddoumi departed Tuesday following two days of talks with Foreign Minister Marwan Kassem and other Jordanian officials.

Kaddoumi, who arrived here Sunday night, was believed to have discussed the PLO's position on various Middle East peace plans.

Jordanian officials did not say where Kaddoumi was going when he left Amman, but he was believed to be headed for Syria. Arafat was expected to visit the Syrian capital Damascus before arriving here, possibly Thursday night.

Jordan's King Hussein has described the upcoming talks with Arafat as crucial to any future Middle East peace settlement.

Libya, Algeria take 'step toward merger'

BEIRUT, March 29 (R) — Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi said his country and Algeria have signed an agreement aimed at a union between them, the Libyan news agency Jana reported.

Addressing a rally in Tobruk, he said Monday it was a step toward implementing a charter providing for a merger between the neighboring countries.

The accord was concluded during a weekend visit to Algeria by the Libyan second-in-command, Maj. Abdul Salam Jaloud, he said.

Libya has reached several such agreements with other Arab states since Col. Qaddafi came to power in 1969, but all of them have collapsed.

Plans to buy 40 Mirages UAE to build strong military

ABU DHABI, March 29 (WAM) — Lt. Gen. Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed ibn Sultan Al-Nahyan, deputy supreme commander of the United Arab Emirates armed forces said Tuesday the UAE was seeking to build a strong and modern army that would contribute, along with neighboring Arab Gulf states in defending the region from super-power rivalry.

In a statement to WAM on the occasion of the graduation of a new batch of cadets, Sheikh Khalifa said the army would "provide security to the people and enable us to undertake our Arab responsibilities" in protecting the region from international rivalry. Sheikh Khalifa said the UAE military insti-

tute was opening its doors to students from the GCC member-states, which are "our partners in the same destiny."

Meanwhile, it was reported that French Defense Minister Charles Hernu will visit the United Arab Emirates in May to clinch a deal on the sale of 40 Mirage-2000 planes.

The report, citing Arab diplomatic sources in Paris, was distributed in Manama by the Bahrain-based Gulf News Agency, which said Hernu's visit has been scheduled for May 8-10.

The agency did not mention the value of the deal or say when negotiations on the potential sale were started.

BRIEFS

LONDON (R) — Bahrain's Foreign Minister Sheikh Muhammad ibn Mubarak Al-Khalifa and Defense Minister Sheikh Hamad ibn Isa Al-Khalifa Monday held talks on the Middle East with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. The discussions included the Middle East situation, a recent visit to London of an Arab League delegation and the Iran-Iraq war.

CAIRO (AP) — Dissident members of the Lawyers Bar Association on Tuesday defied a new law approved by parliament and called their own elections for the formation of the association executive council on June 10.

NICOSIA (AP) — Police discovered and defused a time-bomb left outside the Libyan Embassy's Cultural Center here Tuesday. Two days earlier a similar bomb had been

planted outside the Nicosia offices of the pro-Libyan Arab language weekly magazine *Mawkef Al-Arabi*.

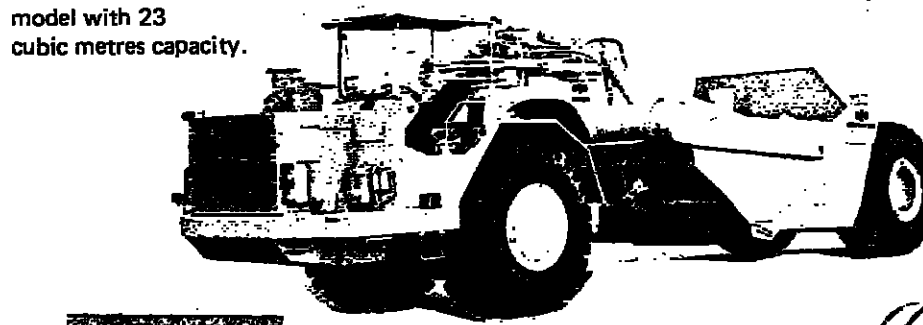
LONDON (R) — Iranian security forces killed or wounded at least 50 "counter-revolutionaries" in the western province of Kurdistan during the weekend, Tehran radio reported.

ISTANBUL (AP) — A martial law court in this Turkish Aegean port city Monday condemned two rightist terrorists to death for ideologically motivated murder, the state television reported.

DAMASCUS (AP) — A Soviet parliamentary delegation led by Timerbek Kochoev, the vice president of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, left here at the end of their week-long official visit to Syria.

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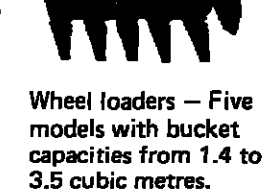


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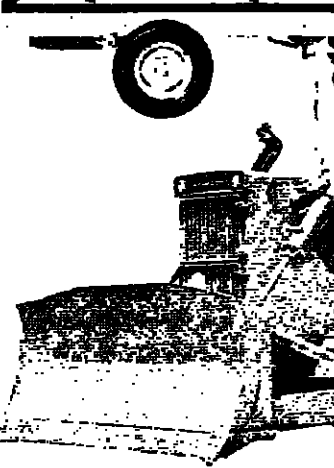


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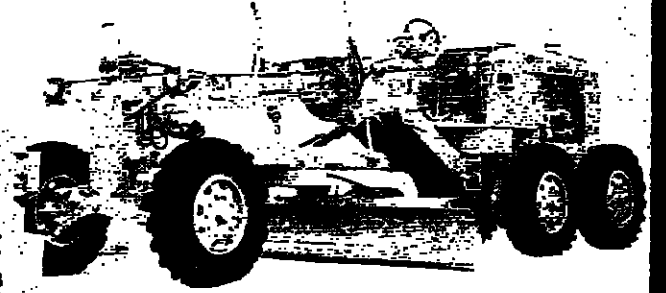
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Ethiopia denies aid diverted to buy arms

NAIROBI, March 29 (AP) — Ethiopia strongly denied on Monday that Western food aid sent to the Horn of Africa nation has been diverted to the Ethiopian Army and to the Soviet Union as payment for arms.

The official Ethiopian News Agency said the allegations, which appeared in *The Sunday Times* of London, were "completely unfounded" and suggested that the British newspaper was "indulging in a deliberate campaign to discredit the efforts" of Ethiopia's Relief and Rehabilitation Commission.

The news agency, in a dispatch monitored here, quoted a spokesman for the commission as saying that "food and other aids secured from the European Economic Com-

Deaf-mute bride granted U.S. visa

VALLEY STREAM, New York, March 29 (AP) — After a sixteen-month battle, a young deaf-mute bride from the Dominican Republic has been granted an American visa and will be reunited with her American-born husband.

The husband, Vincent Ferrara, 48, of Valley Stream, who is also deaf and mute, will greet his wife, the former Finlandia Rodriguez, at Kennedy Airport in New York city on Tuesday, according to Vincent's mother, Grace Ferrara.

Mrs. Ferrara said her daughter-in-law called her on Monday and said through a translator that she had finally obtained the visa at the American Embassy in Santo Domingo.

Officials of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization officials had refused to give the new Mrs. Ferrara an American visa because they feared she would "become a burden to society" and because she lacked a job. They also said her handicap would keep her from finding one, said Representative Raymond McGrath.

McGrath intervened in the dispute a month ago and petitioned immigration authorities to reconsider their position.

The congressman sent Robert Anderson, the U.S. ambassador to the Dominican Republic, two affidavits, one stating that Finlandia had been promised a job wrapping coins and the other stating that a Queen village couple had donated a rent-free apartment to the newlyweds.

Ferrara met his wife while vacationing in the Dominican Republic in December 1981. They were married three weeks after they met, Mrs. Ferrara said.

Joyous pair back from Cuban jail

HOUSTON, Texas, March 29 (AP) — A woman shouted "I love you America" and her boyfriend fell down and kissed the ground when they came home to Texas on Monday after spending four months in Cuban prisons.

"This is the happiest day of my life," said Berni Hofstadter, 29, of Brownsville, as he got off the plane at Hobby Airport.

He and his girlfriend, Gina Strickland, 22, were arrested in Cuba Nov. 12 after the small plane Hofstadter was flying from Grand Cayman Island to Miami made an emergency landing on the Communist island.

U.S. Representative Mickey Leland of Texas went to Cuba over the weekend and talked to Cuban Premier Fidel Castro to arrange the couple's release.

The couple made an emergency landing in Cuba after their small plane developed mechanical difficulties Nov. 12.

Authorities gave them a choice of either confessing to trafficking drugs or of saying they were members of the Central Intelligence Agency, he said.

The CIA confession carried a long prison sentence but the drug admission carried a sentence of only a few days, he said they were told. They signed the drug confessions but Hofstadter said he noted beside his signature that he signed "under duress."

South Asia states to meet in Delhi

DHAKA, March 29 (AP) — Foreign ministers from seven South Asian Nations meeting here Monday reached a consensus to hold their first regional cooperation conference in New Delhi during the first week of August, a meeting spokesman said.

The three-day meeting here, aimed at finalizing a program for the regional forum, opened Monday with Bangladesh Foreign Minister Shamsud Doha urging the participants to force greater regional cohesion.

South Asian stability had been eroded by outside pressures, he said, and cooperation was the only logical response.

The session also elected Bangladesh Foreign Secretary Ataul Karim its chairman. He replaces Niaz Naik of Pakistan who chaired the third meeting in Islamabad last August.

The seven participating countries are India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Nepal and the Maldives.

Matricide remanded

LOS ANGELES, March 29 (R) — The 20-year-old son of President Reagan's personal lawyer was remanded in custody Monday accused of raping and murdering his mother. Under California law, lawyer's son Michael Miller could, if convicted, be sentenced to death or to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole.

The battered body of Marguerite Miller, 52, was found in the family home on the outskirts of Los Angeles last Thursday. Roy Miller, 52, Reagan's lawyer, called the police after finding blood and a broken pair of spectacles inside the front door.

The younger Miller was handcuffed during a brief appearance Monday before municipal court judge Benjamin Aranda to be formally charged. At the request of two lawyers hired by his father, the case was adjourned until April 11 and he was ordered to be returned to jail without bail.

munity, the World Food Program and other donors have always been distributed in drought-affected and war-ravaged parts of the country."

The *Sunday Times* quoted an unidentified Ethiopian defector, said to be a high government official seeking asylum in Britain, as saying only the "strict proportion" of the Western aid reaches the people who need it.

It quoted other identified specialists as saying much of the food aid ends up with the army, which is coping with guerrilla insurgencies in Eritrea and Tigre provinces, and that some grain shipments have been re-exported to the USSR shortly after they arrived in Ethiopia.

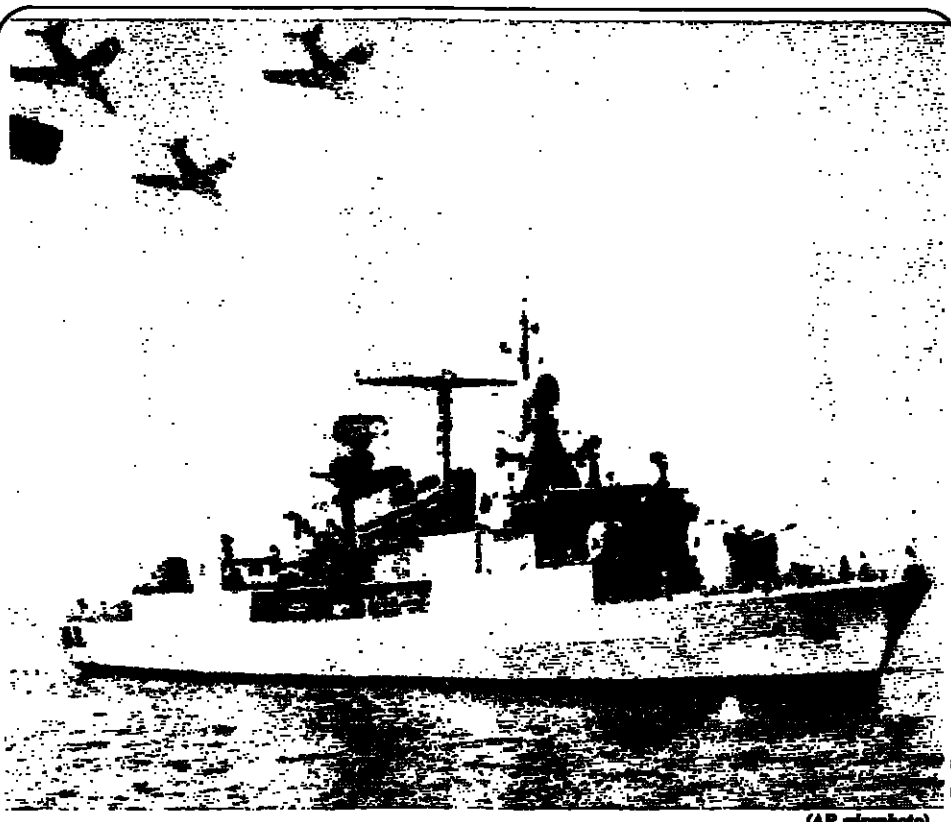
The northern provinces of Ethiopia are currently in the grip of a severe drought. Ethiopia's Marxist government has appealed to the international community for about 300,000 tons of grain to feed the drought victims and people displaced by the insurgencies over the next 12 months.

Reports from Addis Ababa, the Ethiopian capital, have said the current drought could be as bad as one a decade ago which killed between 200,000 and 300,000 Ethiopians.

That drought in 1972-73 contributed to the downfall of Emperor Haile Selassie and his replacement by a military government which has closely allied itself with the Soviet Union.

A group of Western journalists visited drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia earlier this month on a week-long tour organized by the commission and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Among the places visited by the journalists was an emergency feeding center at the city of Korem in northern Wollo province where about 28,000 drought victims have gathered.



DESTROYER: The new West German-built destroyer *Arco* arrives at the Bahia Blanca Naval Base on the Argentine coast. The ship which is equipped with French Exocet surface-to-surface missiles, is the first of four identical vessels to be delivered by West Germany during the next 12 months.

S. Africa rejects Lesotho charge

CAPE TOWN, March 29 (R) — South African Foreign Minister Pik Botha has denied that any attack on neighboring Lesotho was launched from South African territory last weekend. In a diplomatic note to the Lesotho government released Monday night, Botha also said South Africa took the strongest exception to two protests from Maseru about alleged South African

involvement in border incidents.

He warned the Lesotho government that it could not continue trying to perpetuate what he called a patently transparent deception without inviting derision. "The South African government could not be held responsible for the actions of dissident elements within the Kingdom of Lesotho."

For Barbie extradition

U.S. ignored French plea

WASHINGTON, March 29 (AP) — State Department documents show the U.S. government failed to take formal action on a French request to turn accused Nazi war criminal Klaus Barbie over to France for prosecution.

The documents, which surfaced Monday during a Justice Department investigation of the former Nazi official's relationship with the U.S. government, said the French ambassador in Washington made a formal request for Barbie on Nov. 9, 1949.

The papers in the national archives show that U.S. officials sent the French ambassador's 1949 request to the U.S. high commissioner in Germany with the suggestion that the French be told to pursue the matter with him.

That was done in January 1950, but Barbie was not turned over to the French. Instead, the man known as the "butcher of Lyon" fled to Bolivia in 1951.

Allegations have surfaced that U.S. officials helped Barbie flee to South America.

Grenada fears American attack

UNITED NATIONS, March 29 (AP) — Foreign Minister Uison Whiteman of Grenada charged Monday that the United States was preparing to attack his Caribbean island country, an ally of Cuba.

"Based on a careful analysis of evidence," he said at a news conference here, "we are convinced that the Reagan administration of the United States is planning an aggression, direct or indirect, against Grenada."

"We believe the attack is imminent and it might come in a matter of days." In Washington, State Department spokesman Alan Romberg said, "that's a ridiculous charge."

Whiteman cited a televised speech on March 23 in which President Ronald Reagan suggested that an international airport under construction in Grenada would be used as a

base for raids on the United States. Grenada says it is a civilian airport.

He declined to say where or when he expected the attack, remarking, "the CIA does not work that way." But he said, "we do know that there are several meetings taking place in a country in our region. We know that there are people gathering weapons. We know that the United States is actively preparing the ground for an invasion."

He refused to name the country or even say whether it was in the Caribbean or in Central America.

Whiteman said he had put his charges before U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar on Friday. Perez de Cuellar left the following day on a previously scheduled trip to the Soviet Union and Western Europe.

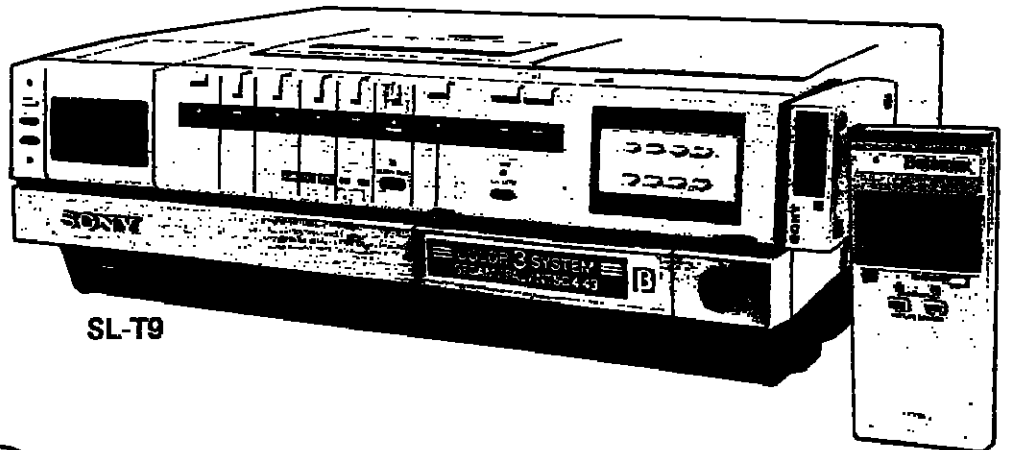
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By visiting U.S. congressmen

Salvador rights claim disputed

SAN SALVADOR, March 29 (Agencies) — A group of visiting U.S. congressmen disputed claims by the Reagan administration that El Salvador was making progress toward ending abuses of human rights.

Democratic Congressman Bill Richards told a press conference that they had held talks with the police, the security forces and Defense Minister Jose Guillermo Garcia and he had not detected "any perceptible change in terms of making human rights concerns a priority of this government."

Before any U.S. military or economic aid to El Salvador can be approved, the administration must prove to the Congress every six months that the country is making progress on human rights. But Congressman Richard Oberstar, another Democrat, said, the administration's previous certification that the situation was improving was "unjustified and invalid."

Republican Congressman James Jeffers said vague wording by Congress of the certification process was part of the reason why the administration could keep supplying aid to El Salvador's government despite continued violations of human rights.

The three congressmen, who visited several areas of the country in addition to meeting top government officials, said the real blame for human rights violations lay with El Salvador's Army.

Future certifications to Congress should require stricter guidelines, including a provision for a political solution to end the 40-

month-old Civil War, they said. The Reagan administration, El Salvador's chief armorer and financier, sent about \$26 million in military aid after certifying in January that the government was taking steps to improve its record on human rights.

In Canada, 10 Protestant church leaders sent a letter to President Reagan protesting about his plan to increase military aid to El Salvador still further.

The 10, members of the Canadian Inter-Church Committee on Human Rights in Latin America, said that more U.S. weapons and military advisers would only increase the

hostilities between leftist guerrillas and the security forces. They called for negotiations between all parties in the conflict.

Meanwhile, leftist rebels dynamited a power tower Monday, leaving 1.3 million persons in four eastern provinces without electricity for the tenth time this year, officials said.

A state electric power company spokesman said the saboteurs blew up the tower near San Rafael Cedros, 24 miles east of the capital, shortly after midnight Sunday but that technicians believed they could repair the damage by Tuesday.

Journalist seeks embassy refuge

SAN SALVADOR, March 29 (AFP) — A Brazilian journalist has sought refuge in his country's embassy here because of fears that Salvadoran authorities might implicate him in their current investigation of two other foreign reporters suspected of having links with anti-government guerrillas.

Officials at the embassy said Paulo Teixeira shared an apartment with Joan Ambrose Newton who works here for the American television network NBC and who was detained for questioning on Saturday. She is now under surveillance at the home of a military attaché at the United States Embassy.

The apartment was searched by police who seized film, photographs and Teixeira's

passport, said Brazilian Embassy officials, who added that the journalist now lived in Sweden and was a correspondent for several European news organizations.

Ms. Newton was detained at the home of a colleague, Thomas Western, a free-lance reporter for Associated Press Radio whom police also held. He was accused of having transmitted "suspicious" information during an hour-long interview with a U.S. radio station Saturday, according to the U.S. Embassy here. Ms. Newton was reportedly present during the interview.

U.S. officials said Western was only doing his job and denied that Western was in touch with the guerrillas. Salvadoran authorities have offered no explanation for the detentions.

Underground Solidarity leader surrenders

WARSAW, March 29 (AP) — An underground Solidarity union figure in the often-turbulent city of Wrocław turned himself in Monday and in a subsequent television interview distanced himself from colleagues still in hiding.

Andrzej Konarski, who lived a clandestine life since the martial law decree Dec. 13, 1981, surrendered to authorities in Wrocław, southwestern Poland, and was taken before Polish interior minister, Gen. Czeslaw Kiszczak.

Kiszczak warned last week that "enemies of socialism" plan fresh civil disturbance in Poland in May, and urged the regime's underground foes to come out of hiding.

Konarski, once a member of Solidarity's national commission, said Kiszczak's appeal was persuasive and contributed to his decision to emerge. He was also asked during the television interview whether he had a word for Solidarity activists still at large.

"Everyone should speak for himself...I think that some of my colleagues, seeing the situation in a realistic way, would be taking a decision similar to the one taken by me," Konarski said.

While union activists who escaped arrest in the military crackdown in December, 1981, have periodically turned themselves in, the ranking clandestine Solidarity officials,

Zbigniew Bujak of Warsaw and Bogdan Lis of Gdansk, remain at large.

He also said, in recounting his discussion in Warsaw with Kiszczak, "I think that the future is more important than the past."

Wrocław was a stronghold of the now-outlawed Solidarity movement. Two persons were killed there in periodic Civil disturbances since the martial law decree, according to official figures.

Also Monday, Polish television reported that another Solidarity official, Jerzy Pierzchala, the union's former deputy chairman in Radom, turned himself in and was released after giving "explanations" to authorities.

Expert denies Red China's Exocet deal

PEKING, March 29 (AFP) — A Western weaponry expert flatly denied here Tuesday Japanese press reports that Communist China had begun negotiations with the French government for the purchase of Exocet missiles, of the kind used in the Falklands War.

The Japanese mass circulation daily Yomiuri quoted U.S. military intelligence sources as saying that Peking had offered to buy 20 of the French air-to-sea missiles through Hong Kong Chinese middlemen. The Exocet: costs about seven million francs (\$1 million) apiece.

"No official Chinese request has been made to French authorities," said the expert who also ruled out any possibility of middlemen from Hong Kong or elsewhere being able to purchase such weaponry from France.

"The Exocet has since the Falklands War become a symbol, a sort of absolute weapon capable of sinking a destroyer in no time and it is therefore not surprising to see dozens of middlemen offer their services to countries seeking to acquire some of these missiles," he noted.

An Exocet fired from an Argentine Air Force French-built Super-Etendard aircraft sank the British destroyer Sheffield last May 4 during the Falklands War.

Asked whether a third country possessing Exocet missiles might not sell to Peking, the Western expert said it would then run the risk of jeopardizing its military cooperation with France.

"An Exocet is numbered, followed step by step throughout its working life, not unlike a Rolls (Royce), and it's easy to know if it has been passed on or even simply loaned for a limited period of time," the expert said.

He also ruled out any possibility that the Chinese might copy the French missile should they somehow acquire it. He added that he thought it was "premature" of the Chinese to want Exocets when they do not yet have the carriers to use them.

Military circles here also pointed out that a month ago Peking had canceled a major \$150 million contract to buy British sea-to-air "Sea-Dart" missiles. British sources here said that the Chinese government had described the contract as "most expensive and too complex."

They added that the British were apparently the first victims of China's new arms policy set out earlier this month by Defense Minister Gen. Zhong Aiping, who said that it would be "impossible and unrealistic" to hope to depend on imported weapons to modernize the Chinese Army.

However some military experts believe this stance must be qualified.

Charles takes dip in surf

SYDNEY, Australia, March 29 (AP) — Prince Charles Tuesday took a dip in the surf at Bondi, Sydney's best known beach, while his wife Princess Diana slept in after a night dancing at a charity ball.

Prince Charles ducked out of government house in the heart of Sydney and was driven with bodyguards to Bondi, where he plunged into the brisk early morning surf. He almost lost his bathing suit in the rough surf and had to hitch it up as he strode ashore.

Graham Cassidy, a surfer at the beach, offered his board to Charles who said: "Thank you, but I think it's a bit rough."

There was a two-meter surf at Bondi and a strong undertow.

UNITA issues threat on Czechs

LISBON, March 29 (AP) — Rebel forces in central Angola two weeks ago Monday repeated their warning the hostages could be killed if government troops continued to pursue the guerrillas' column.

A statement released to reporters here by the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) said government and Cuban troops' attempts to halt the rebel column and free the hostages "would only harm the captives."

UNITA guerrillas took the 64 Czechs and 20 Portuguese March 12 in an attack on an industrial complex at Catumbela in north-western Benguela province.

The group includes 21 children the rebels say they will release without conditions once

they reach UNITA-controlled areas to the south. But the pro-Western rebels have demanded the Marxist government in Luanda set free six Britons and an Irishman who fought as mercenaries in the country's Civil War seven years ago in exchange for "some of the Czechs."

The UNITA statement also claimed rebel forces attacked the villages of Babasa, Kinjenje and Cuma en route to neighboring Huambo province, destroyed factories along the way and wiped out an army outpost at Kinjenje over the past two weeks.

UNITA, which travels freely in South African-controlled areas in southern Angola, has denied charges from the government it is trained, armed and financed by Pretoria.

BRIEFS

BERLIN (AP) — A 34-year-old Austrian vagrant caught cooking onion soup over Berlin's "eternal flame" landed in jail for violating West German insult laws, police said Monday. Authorities said it was the second offense for the unidentified chef, who got off with just a warning when he previously tried to whip up a batch of dumplings over the flame. The flame, which burns in a small plaza, was lit by Theodor Heuss, who was federal president from 1949-59. It is supposed to burn until the two Germans are reunited.

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — It didn't ring any alarm bells with the United States when the Soviet Union complained here Monday that it was being harassed on the telephone. Soviet delegate A. Ordzhonikidze told the U.N. committee on relations with the host country that the Soviet U.N. mission was getting up to 200 abusive telephone calls a day from "anti-Soviet hooligans." He said the situation was getting worse even though the U.S. mission had promised to attend to the matter.

PEKING (AFP) — Canadian Defense Minister Gilles Lamontagne arrived here Tuesday to begin a week-long visit he has described as a "fact-finding mission." Lamontagne will hold talks with his Chinese counterpart Zhang Aiping but could also meet Prime Minister Zhao Ziyang.

STOCKHOLM (AFP) — Lars Werner, secretary-general of the Swedish Communist Party, will spend 11 days in China early next month during which he will meet with senior Chinese officials. Sweden's Communist Party, which controls 20 seats in the National Assembly, has had no direct contact with Chinese Communists for 20 years.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Technical difficulties over a space telescope designed to detect objects 50 times fainter than those seen by earthbound instruments will push its cost to \$1 billion and delay its launch by a year — to 1986, U.S. House of Representatives investigators say.

MOSCOW (R) — Human rights activist Vasily Barats has been sentenced to five years in a labor camp for anti-Soviet activity, dissident sources said Monday. They said Barats, 36, was tried in the southern city of Rostov-on-Don between March 22 and 28. He is a leading member of the self-styled "Group for the right of emigration from the USSR."

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Dear Mrs. V.: There are so many causes of insomnia, I'd only be guessing. Many lose sleep because they are worried about not having enough money. On the other hand, the other day a successful businessman told me he has begun to suffer loss of sleep because he has been making so much money lately. If "money" is not your immediate concern, Mrs. V., then let's look elsewhere. You mention that your doctor has prescribed diet pills. This may be your clue. In many instances, insomnia has disappeared after dieting patients discontinued their diet pills. There are scores of reasons for insomnia. Our job is to sort them out and eliminate them.

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Dear Dr. Steincrohn: I'm following the advice of family and friends. At last, I've decided to have a nose job. My doctor has also recommended a plastic surgeon of excellent reputation. What I can't understand is the term "plastic surgeon." Is he going to apply some plastic material in reshaping my nose?—Mrs. O.
Dear Mrs. O.: What's important is that you have a qualified surgeon to do the work. No, he won't use plastic material in making a new nose for you. You'll have your own nose in a new shape. Plastic means molding or improving the original form. It's not a "synthetic" job.
For Mr. T.: More and more people are beginning to realize that gonorrhea hasn't disappeared because antibiotics have been discovered. Do not depend on lack of symptoms to eliminate the possibility you have been infected. See your doctor for a checkup. Many are unaware they have "caught it."

New satellite to pinpoint crash sites

By Robert Locke

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An American search-and-rescue satellite will join a Soviet satellite already saving lives by pinpointing downed planes and sinking ships from outer space, NASA officials say.

The new satellite, in a north-south orbit about 850 kms high, will scan the entire earth every 12 hours, officials said Thursday. By bouncing the distress signal down to designated ground stations in any of several nations, the satellite can locate a downed plane within 19 kms.

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"Since we started working with the Soviet satellite *Cosmos 1* (last year), there have been 22 lives saved, and we are just really getting started," Bernard J. Trudell said of the demonstration project that also includes Canada and France as prime partners.

"Some of those persons absolutely would not be alive and walking around today if it

wasn't for that satellite," he told a news conference Thursday. Trudell is the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's mission manager for *Sarsat*, or search and rescue satellite.

NASA says the United States is spending about \$29 million on the experimental project, with Canada and France together adding another 24 million. Cost of the Soviet effort, which is independent but coordinated with NASA, is unreported.

U.S. law requires ships and private planes to carry emergency radio beacons which, when actuated by impact, transmit a continuous and distinctive signal. But unless a plane passes within 160 kms of the transmitter—and has a receiver on—the distress signal will not be heard.

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"The object of this project is to shorten the time between the occurrence of distress and the rescue... (That) means saving lives and reducing the costs of rescue operations," Trudell said.

That was graphically demonstrated in the first rescue, on Sept. 10, 1982, barely a week after the joint effort began.

The Canadian government had concluded an unsuccessful \$2 million search for a pilot missing in the rugged forests of northern British Columbia, but the victim's father, also a pilot, continued to search on his own, NASA says. The father and two passengers failed to return from a search Sept. 9 and the satellite search program was notified.

Cosmos 1 heard the father's distress beacon the next day. Canadian ground technicians located the crash site and helicopters quickly rescued the three passengers, all seriously injured. All three survived and the cost, NASA said, "was minimal."



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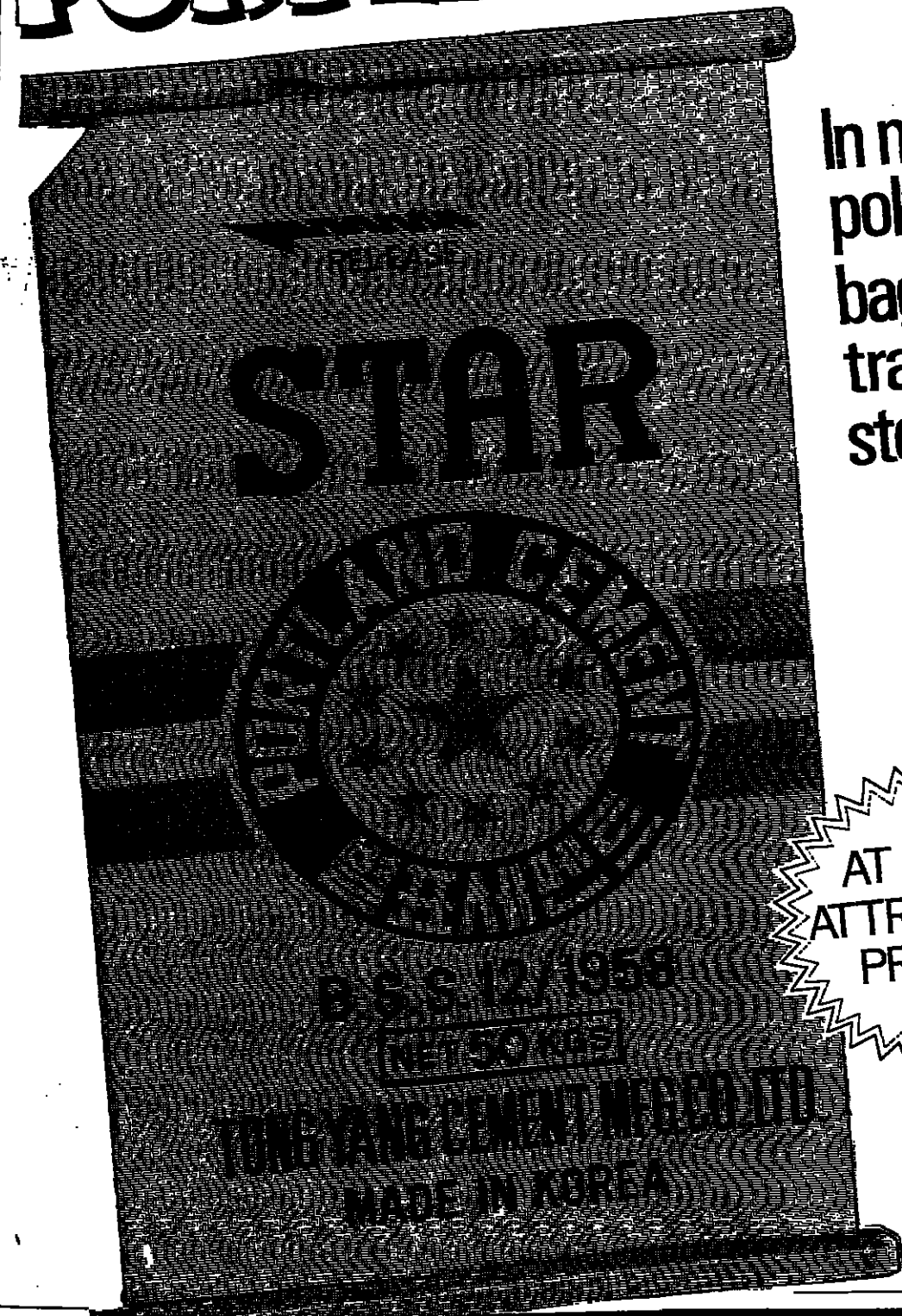
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WAR OF ANNIHILATION

It appears that Zionists' appetite for Palestinian blood can never be satiated. The latest victims in a relentless war of annihilation the Israelis have been waging against Palestinians with such fiendish pleasure and brutality ever since 1948 are the innocent schoolgirls in the occupied West Bank.

According to agency reports, a total of 480 girls in the Jenin district have been hospitalized after six girls' secondary schools were systematically sprayed by Israelis with a poisonous gas which incapacitated everyone within sight. The wave of poisonings which, as PLO rightly points out, was an attempt to murder en masse tomorrow's Palestinian mothers, left more than 500 schoolgirls with fainting spells, nausea, partial blindness, and similar symptoms.

Today it is poisonous gas. In Lebanon it was cluster bombs followed by butchery in two Palestinian camps — Shatila and Sabra. In the beginning it was naked terrorism indulged in by Begin's Irgun.

The setting and the weapons used may vary according to the sophistication Zionists achieve in their instruments of mass murder or the types supplied by their overindulgent friends in the U.S. administration from time to time.

But the aim is one and the same: obliteration of all Palestinian traces from the face of earth. If immediate physical elimination is not possible, at least frighten the Palestinians so that they leave the land of their birth for Jewish colonizers.

Accelerating construction of settlements in the occupied territories of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, opening the floodgates of Jewish colonization and expropriation of Palestinian lands, the dismissal and exile of their elected leaders, censorship of their press, the arrests and torture of their children, abuse and humiliating treatment to the parents of those children who refuse to accept the Zionist yoke as an unalterable fact of life and mass killings of the type carried out in Beirut and the failed one in Jenin district in between — there is no example in recorded history of such crimes by a race against another. But they are not satisfied with that. They want to pursue the victims of their aggression to their graves.

But all this has failed to break the will of the Palestinians and their resistance. The fire of Palestinian nationalism continues to burn in the face of the world's fourth biggest military power. Even the Lebanon war launched to extinguish Palestinian nationalism and finish the PLO off as a political and military movement has failed in its objectives. If anything, it has only inflamed Palestinian nationalism and strengthened loyalty to the PLO under the leadership of Yasser Arafat. This is the only silver lining in an otherwise dark Middle East cloud.

Saudi Arabian press review

Israel's plan to annex Arab lands and the role played by the Kingdom in unifying Arab ranks were topics of comment in the press Monday.

Al-Jazirah, referring to the poisoning of hundreds of Palestinian girl students in Jenin Sunday, said the incident was an "extension of the Israeli crimes to physically liquidate Palestinian leaders such as Bassam Al-Shak'a'a, Muhammad Milhem and Ibrahim Al-Taweel.

"After Israel failed to liquidate the Palestinian political and military resistance in Lebanon, it has turned to the Palestinians in occupied territory," the paper added.

The paper called on the international community to reconsider its policy toward Israel and the Middle East issue in view of Israel's rejection of all international condemnations.

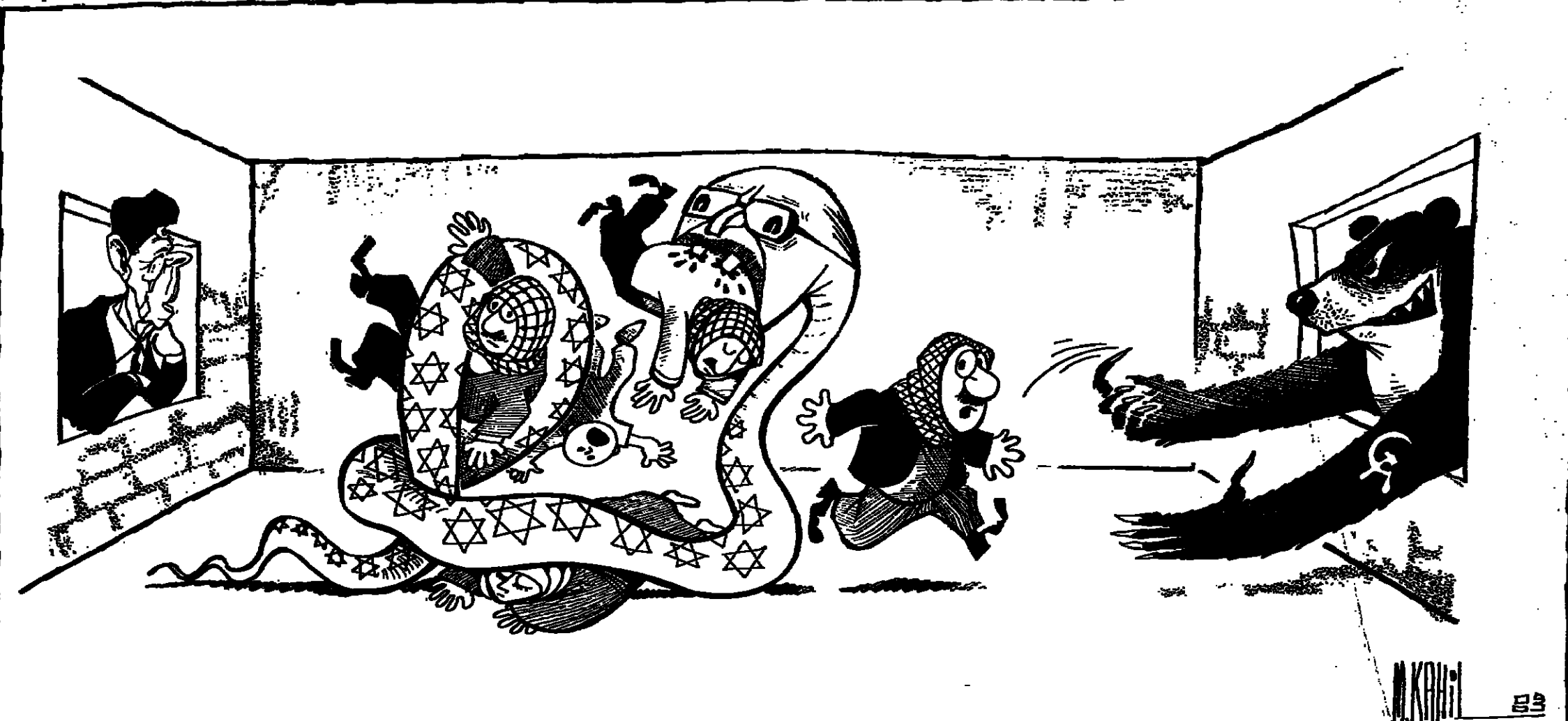
Al-Bilad said the Kingdom's diplomatic, economic and military

support for the Palestinian cause stemmed from its Arab and historic responsibility to face the aggressive tide led by international Zionism.

The paper referred to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's statement Monday in which he highlighted the Kingdom's role and stand in support of the Palestinian people. It said Arafat's recent visit to the Kingdom, at the beginning of an Arab tour, indicated the Kingdom's "pioneering role in giving the maximum possible diplomatic and economic weight to the Palestine cause."

Okaz hailed the Kingdom's role in uniting Arab ranks, supporting Arab causes and healing Arab differences. The paper said the Kingdom had also made big efforts and paid due attention to Arab and Islamic interests as well as sought to bring about a just and durable peace in the Middle East.

(SPA)



Greek president playing active political role

By Kerin Hope

ATHENS — President Constantine Caramanlis is playing a steadily more active role in Greek politics, cautioning Socialist Premier Andreas Papandreu against taking his non-conformist foreign policy too far.

The 76-year-old head of state, who served as conservative premier for 14 years, has stopped short of intervening in government activity. But he has made sure his voice is heard. Differences between president and premier have emerged over how to handle crucial issues like the future of American military bases here and Greece's strained relations with its NATO and Common Market partners.

Caramanlis also has spoken out on domestic issues. He abruptly dismissed last month's rumors of an army plot to topple the 17-month-old Socialist government as "stupidities." The Socialists mobilized army units and party cadres in a readiness exercise that panicked Greeks still mindful of the 1967 colonels' coup.

Sources close to the president say he is deeply concerned that Papandreu might undermine his own hard-won achievements: domestic stability and close ties with the West. A villager from northern Greece who knew poverty at first hand, Caramanlis masterminded Greece's transformation from Balkan backwardness into full membership in the European Economic Community.

Twenty years ago, he invited Papandreu, an economics professor at the University of California

at Berkeley and son of a liberal premier, back home to head a research foundation intended to promote rapid economic growth.

Papandreu now heads a government that is committed to the European peace campaign and nuclear disarmament, takes a keen interest in the nonaligned movement, and wants an American guarantee the U.S. bases here will never be used against Greece's Arab friends, such as Libya.

In recent weeks, Caramanlis has made his own views clear. "We face the prospect of a nuclear holocaust with fatalism, but the peace movements lose their effectiveness because they're exploited for political purposes," he said in a speech during a state visit by the Portuguese president.

He reportedly contributed a helpful message to Washington at a vital point in the problem-plagued talks on the future of the American bases. And he made a rare official statement, welcoming the EEC response to Papandreu's demands for a better deal from the community as "positive."

As president, his executive powers, which lie somewhere between the powerful French and mainly ceremonial West German presidencies, are often debated. "It may be an important power to be able to dissolve parliament or call a referendum, but these are things you can't do very often," former Premier George Rallis, a longtime political associate, said.

Caramanlis prefers to play an advisory role. According to the constitution, his government wrote in 1975, he acts as "the regulator of the

political system." An open rift with Papandreu and the Socialists would be unlikely, observers say. "Caramanlis is never impulsive. He is immensely patient, always willing to plan ahead and wait," said one member of the New Democracy Party he founded.

In half a century of political life, he has spent 20 years out of office, mostly by choice. Tall and silver-haired, with bushy eyebrows loved by cartoonists, Caramanlis is an unusually aloof figure in the close-knit Athenian political world.

An energetic public works minister in the 1950s, he pushed through communications and tourist infrastructure projects at unheard-of speed. When he became premier at the age of 47, he focused on converting Greece from an agricultural to an industrial nation.

But attempts to reform political life ran into opposition from Greece's royal family, especially Queen Frederika, who dominated a court-controlled political faction with army links. In 1963, Caramanlis resigned as premier and went into exile in Paris.

Critics accused him of abandoning Greece at a moment when his presence might have restrained growing political strife, which provoked the colonels' takeover. But to Caramanlis, his associates say, the coup was already inevitable. When the military regime collapsed in 1974, Caramanlis returned to a hero's welcome and an overwhelming election win for his New Democracy Party. Papandreu's Socialists won a handful of seats in parliament.

Caramanlis legalized the Greek Communist Party and held a referendum which abolished the monarchy. He pushed ahead to secure Greek accession to the EEC before beginning a five-year term as president in 1980. Associates say he welcomed the Socialists' election triumph in 1981 as a victory for parliamentary democracy in Greece despite misgivings about Papandreu's program.

In the early months of Socialist rule, a planned visit by Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qaddafi was canceled 48 hours before he was due to arrive. Caramanlis reportedly refused to accord him treatment as a head of state. Political observers say the Qaddafi visit set the pattern for Caramanlis' behind-the-scenes activity, and that he is unlikely to give up his supervisory role.

Divorced more than 20 years ago and childless, Caramanlis recently built himself a villa in a fashionable Athens suburb. But he spends more time in a small apartment in the presidential place, formerly the royal family's home. He plays golf and swims in summer, but puts in a full day's work in his office, aides say.

Caramanlis will need Socialist support if he decides to run for another term as president in 1985. The Greek president is elected by a two-thirds majority in parliament. But analysts say Papandreu will raise few objections if Caramanlis, the most successful politician in Greek history, wants to stay on as head of state. To many Greeks, uncertain of what socialism may bring, his continuing presence at the top would be an assurance of stability. (AP)

Bruised egos foil new bid to solve Kampuchean problem

By Michael Fathers

BANGKOK — A new attempt to settle the Kampuchean dispute through talks between Communist and non-Communist Southeast Asian countries has died at birth.

It was scuttled by a mixture of bruised egos, lack of consultation, premature publicity and over-high expectations. The initiative centered on possible talks between Vietnam, whose troops installed a pro-Hanoi regime in Phnom Penh in 1979, and members of the five-country Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) which wants an end to Vietnam's military presence in Kampuchea.

According to a senior official at an ASEAN foreign ministers' meeting in Bangkok last week, it

could have led to something if handled correctly. "It is sad that the opportunity was missed," he said. "It was stillborn."

Hopes had been raised by Malaysia's foreign minister, Tan Sri Ghazali Shafie, who said a breakthrough took place when he held talks with his Vietnamese counterpart, Nguyen Co Thach, during this month's nonaligned summit in New Delhi.

But a communique after the one-day Bangkok meeting showed no sign that his ASEAN colleagues agreed. The foreign ministers reaffirmed their original stand that any Kampuchean peace must be in accordance with United Nations resolutions which Vietnam rejects.

They said they took note of the idea of talks between ASEAN and Vietnam, adding that they were willing to explore appropriate avenues for a

comprehensive political settlement. Ghazali told a press conference after the meeting that his New Delhi talks with Thach were merely a renewal of efforts to bring Hanoi to the conference table.

The crucial point from the New Delhi talks was an apparent offer from Vietnam to exclude the Heng Samrin government which it installed in Kampuchea from any talks between the Indochinese states and ASEAN, which groups Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and the Philippines. This would have removed a regular stumbling block to any negotiations.

ASEAN and most U.N. members do not recognize the Heng Samrin government but support an anti-Vietnamese coalition led by Prince Norodom Sihanouk which includes the Communist Khmer Rouge ousted in 1979.

Denmark breaks ranks with NATO allies

By Sten Stovall

COPENHAGEN — Denmark has broken ranks with its NATO allies for the second time in four months on issues considered vital for Western alliance unity.

In both cases, action was spearheaded by the country's dominant Social Democratic Party against squeals of protest from the Conservative-led minority government. Last week, parliament voted to end trade sanctions against the Soviet Union sponsored by the European Economic Community.

In December, the Social Democrats forced through a decision suspending Danish payments for the building of NATO missile sites in Western Europe. "These moves dealt our allies a severe slap in the face," says Foreign Minister Uffe Ellemann-Jensen. He believes the twin decisions have jolted a bipartisan parliamentary basis on which Denmark's foreign policy has rested since the end of World War II in 1945.

Denmark's commitment to NATO was first questioned three years ago when the former Social Democratic government refused to meet an alliance

target calling for a rise of three percent in national defense budgets. Although one of the smallest among NATO's 16 members, Denmark provides an important link because of its geographical location guarding Baltic approaches to the North Sea.

The refusal to spend more for defense drew sharp criticism from other partners and led to the coining of the term "Denmarkization," meaning the acceptance of NATO protection without willingness to pay for it. The more pro-NATO minority government of four non-Socialist parties, which replaced the Social Democrats last September, still depends on outside support to get its policies through parliament, the Folketing.

Ellemann-Jensen says the latest decisions result largely from efforts by the Social Democratic leadership to mollify their party's growing left wing.

"What the Social Democrats have been doing is to move slightly away from the policy line they followed when in government and which, in my opinion, they would be following if still in power," he said in a recent interview. The Social Democrats were in office when Denmark approved plans for the siting of U.S. missiles in Europe and when

economic sanctions were imposed against the Soviet Union, following a Communist crackdown in Poland in 1981.

K.B. Andersen, a former Social Democratic foreign minister, has warned that the political majority behind Denmark's NATO membership is crumbling. He says debate over missile deployments and on setting up nuclear-free zones — an idea backed by the Social Democrats — has been used deliberately by some and unwittingly by others to prepare the way for a change in security policy.

Ellemann-Jensen said the government would do everything in its power to restore the \$5.7 million still outstanding in payments for NATO missile bases.

Although no bases are planned for Denmark, all NATO countries are committed to help pay for infrastructure costs under NATO plans to deploy 572 missiles starting next December. The missiles are due to be deployed in Belgium, Britain, West Germany, Italy and the Netherlands if the U.S. and the Soviet Union fail to negotiate a ban on land-based medium-range weapons in talks in Geneva. (R)

Mindanao Muslims

Sir,

In a letter in this column (March 10), Abdullah Said has alleged that the claim of Philippines Labor Minister Blas F. Ople on the implementation of local autonomy in Mindanao is only in newspapers and that nothing has been done since the Tripoli agreement.

I would like to inform the readers of the following:

1. On March 26, 1977, President Ferdinand E. Marcos signed presidential proclamation No. 1628, declaring autonomy in Southern Philippines with all the rights and privileges.

2. On May 7, 1979, elections were held in Mindanao to elect members of the regional assemblies which are the legislative organs exclusively for the people of Mindanao.

3. Other than these absolute autonomous rights, the people of Mindanao were extended a series of liberties for self-determination in various terms, subject only to the territorial integrity and sovereignty of the Republic of the Philippines. No other part of our country has been given the same autonomous rights extended to the Mindanao pro-

vinces.

Today, the regional assemblies, as well as other local executives and legislative groups elected by the people, are functioning. It is unfortunate that some people are disturbing the efforts of the government toward enjoyment by the people of full autonomy.

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Marcos and freedom

Sir,

Much hostile propaganda has been made against Philippines President Ferdinand E. Marcos to make him appear as a leader who has gone to the farthest limits to suppress the basic tenets of human rights.

The Filipinos love freedom; it is in their veins. But freedom has its own bounds and limitations. No government will tolerate a minority group whether it represents political, social or religious interests, if it encourages sedition and distorts the image of the government. No sane ruler will let this happen with indifference.

The Filipinos should appreciate that the presi-

dent is tackling the crisis facing the nation. Let us cooperate and place our confidence in his leadership.

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Double standards by U.S.

Sir,

I was amazed to hear the Voice of America condemning the persecution of Jews in the Soviet Union and the ban on their emigration outside the country. The radio emphasized that the U.S. Congress, the Democratic and Republican parties feel the same way on the "violation of human rights," by the Soviets.

It is shocking that the carnage of Beirut by the Israelis did not draw this kind of response from any of the above institutions. What has become clear is that it is not morality that governs the reaction of big powers toward world events. America is only shielding the crimes of its ally Israel which has trampled upon the rights of the Arabs.

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Today is Wednesday, March 30, the 89th day of 1983. There are 276 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1603 — Earl of Tyrone, Irish rebel, submits to Lord Mountjoy at Millfort.

1772 — Robert Clive defends his administration of Bengal in India at hearing in England's House of Commons.

1842 — Ether reputedly used as anesthetic for first time, by Dr. Crawford Long in U.S. state of Georgia.

1855 — Treaty of Peshawar, whereby Britain and Afghanistan form alliance against Persia. End of Taping rebellion in China.

1856 — Treaty of Paris, under which integrity of Turkey is recognized. Danubian principalities are guaranteed. Russian codes Bessarabia, Black Sea to be neutral, and River Danube is to be free.

1867 — Russia agrees to sell Alaska to United States for \$7.2 million.

1885 — Russian occupation of Penjdeh, Afghanistan, provokes crisis in Anglo-Russian relations.

1906 — Greeks in Crete revolt against Turkish rule.

1912 — Sultan of Morocco signs treaty making Morocco a French protectorate.

1933 — James B.M. Hertzog forms national coalition in South Africa and is joined by Jan. C. Smuts.

1940 — Japan establishes puppet government in occupied China.

1952 — Anti-French riots break out in Tangiers.

1967 — North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) formally closes its military headquarters in France.

1981 — U.S. President Ronald Reagan is shot in chest outside Washington hotel, and John Hinckley Jr. is charged with attempted assassination.

1982 — U.S. space shuttle *Columbia* completes its third mission lasting eight days, landing at new Mexico site.

Thought for today:
The worst vice of a fanatic is his sincerity — Oscar Wilde, Irish-born writer (1854-1900).

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Safest spot in Asia

Singapore excites tourists with its dullness

By Michael Carlton

SINGAPORE, (LAT) — This city-state, resting on an island smaller than New York City, draws more tourists than any single location in Asia — more than Japan, more than Hong Kong, more than Thailand.

On the surface, it is difficult to understand why Singapore attracted so many visitors — nearly 3 million — last year, and expects to welcome even more in 1983. Singapore lacks the supercharged atmosphere that makes Hong Kong so exciting, the exotic foods which have made Bangkok a tremendous lure for decades, the almost mystical beauty of the Japanese countryside. Singapore is, frankly, dull, especially when compared to those other Asian destinations. And in that dullness, perhaps, lies its great attraction.

If nothing else, Singapore is safe — completely. Singapore has one of Asia's most conservative governments, led by Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew, who has been at the helm of affairs since 1959, the only prime minister the city-state has ever had. His People's Action Party has laid down some tough rules — rules that are very strictly enforced. Drop a candy wrapper on the sidewalk and get a \$500 fine, smoke in a public place, such as an elevator, and get another \$500 fine, jaywalk and lose \$50, wear your hair too long, men, and be asked to have it cut at the airport, or be sent home, be caught with more than 15 grams of cocaine and lose your life.

Perhaps, in these troubled times in Asia, times of terror and murder in Vietnam and Cambodia, of paramilitary invasions in Thailand, of muggings in Hong Kong, the promise of personal safety is a lure in itself.

For the non-smoking, non-jaywalking, non-drug using, short-haired tourist, Singapore is ideal. It is commonplace, even for a single, attractive woman, to walk the sidewalks of downtown Singapore at any time, day or night, with complete safety.

Singapore's "clean and green" campaign has been a great success, especially for residents, and for tourists who don't feel comfortable with the exotic. Visiting Singapore is a little like visiting Tulsa — lots of glass and chrome high-rise buildings (including one designed by I.M. Pei that looks like a calculator standing on end), squeaky-clean streets, orderly downtown traffic flow and, after 9 p.m., little excitement.

But before 9, Singapore offers a lot — one of the best zoos in the world (where on Tuesdays and Sundays you can, for \$6, have breakfast with an orangutan), an equally distinguished bird park with the largest aviary in the world, a fine botanical garden featuring Singapore's spectacular orchids, a resort island called Sentosa, which has some minor beaches, a good memorial to the capture and loss of Singapore by the Japanese during World War II, and something called dancing waters, more remarkable for its collection of '50s American music than for its fountains and a vast number of lush parklands that soften the hard lines of the skyscrapers that are proliferating in Singapore.

With a few exceptions (the old Raffles Hotel happily being one of them), Singapore has pulled down most of its history and replaced it with sky-reaching apartments, banks and hotels. A visitor who has not been in Singapore for a decade will not recognize the new skyline.

Within the next three years 10,500 new hotel rooms will be constructed, many of them in the huge New Marina city and Raffles city areas, mammoth complexes that will be centers for shopping, playing, dining, conventioning and sleeping. In Raffles Center (across the street from the old hotel) alone, 73 elevators and 20 escalators will whisk conventioners to and fro in the convention center.

There is still some of the old Singapore, some of the old colonial spirit, left — but very little. Chinatown (who ever heard of having a Chinatown in a city where 75 percent of the residents are Chinese?) is restricted to a square mile and will be reduced by 90 percent in the next few years, most of its residents going to live in public housing projects where 68 percent of the population already resides.

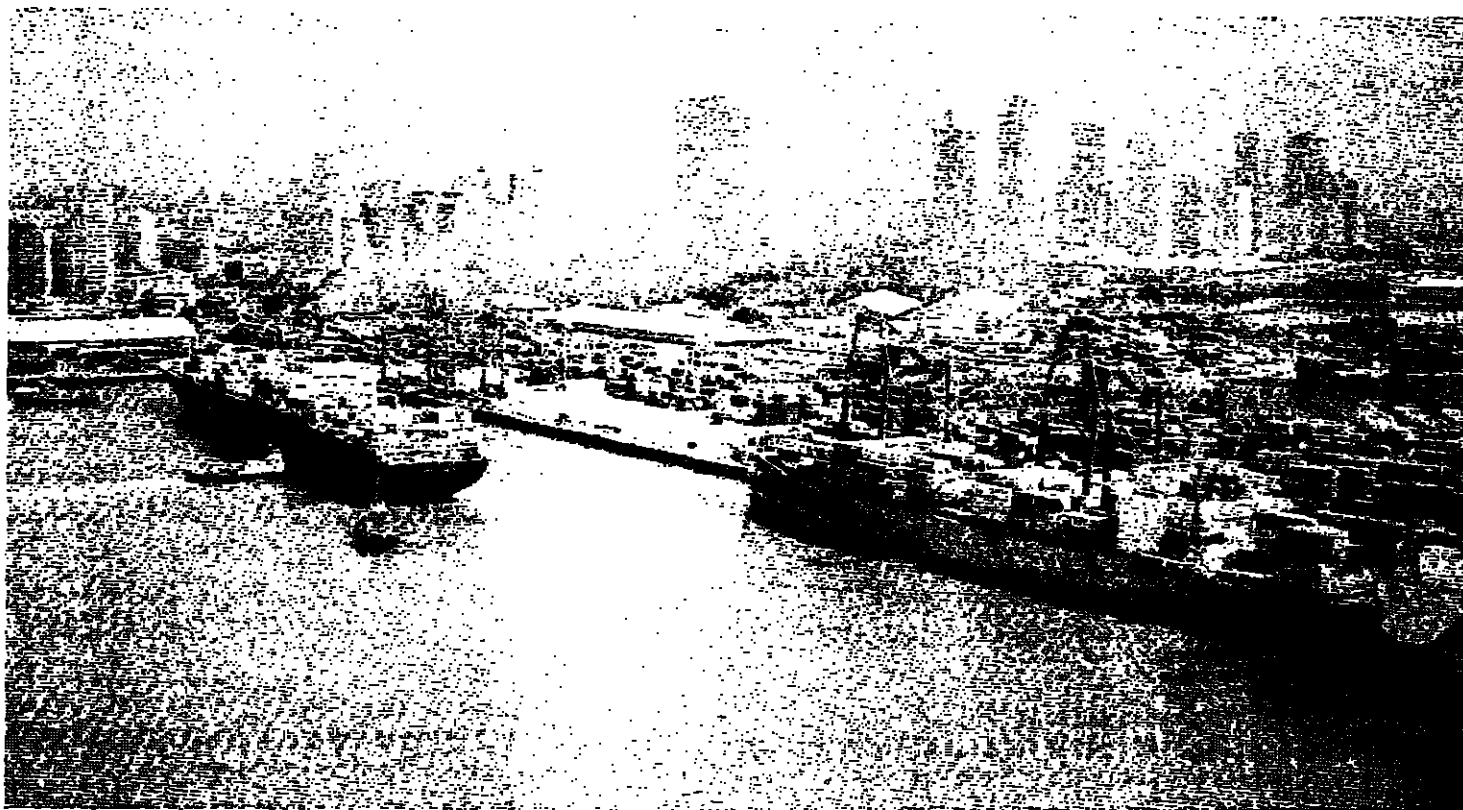
In Chinatown today you can still see live iguanas for sale, swirling squid and shrimp straining to leap out of bowls, baskets of chicken feet and street-long processions of food stalls offering everything from snake to delicate spring rolls. Thanks to government inspection, the food is safe to eat, even for North American stomachs.

On Arab Street, in the Malay district (Malays comprise 15 percent of the population), you can buy batik that shimmers in the noon light, or baskets scattered through dozens of tiny storefronts. There is also an Indian area (six percent of the population is Indian) where the aroma of curry slices through the alley like a pungent fog. But most of Singapore reflects a remarkable sameness.

What kind of tourist, then, comes to Singapore? One who wants safety and order, who wants to sample some of the most varied cuisine in the Orient, and who wants to shop, without being bothered by the overly aggressive Hong Kong merchants.

Certainly the visitor to Singapore does not have to be particularly adventuresome, as he does in most other parts of the East. For that reason, it is a good city in which to start an Asian tour, a perfect place from which to launch trips to more difficult areas — Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, perhaps even New Guinea or China.

Singapore is a prosperous city — its residents have a high standard of living, second in Asia only to the Japanese — and a city bent on becoming even more modern, even more Western. It may not overwhelm you with exotic sights and sounds, but neither will it repel you, as many cities of Asia do, especially for first time visitors. It's worth a look, but a short one will do very nicely, thank you.



PORT: A modern port in Singapore. The placid waters of the sea, fountains and lush parklands soften the hard lines of the skyscrapers that are proliferating in the city-state.

Raffles tells the fables of exotic East

By Michael Carlton

SINGAPORE (LAT) — The Raffles Hotel, surely one of the world's most famous, is perhaps the leading tourist attraction for English-speaking visitors to Singapore. Thanks to a multitude of writers — people like Rudyard Kipling, Somerset Maugham and Noel Coward — who have written about the hotel, Raffles is known throughout the world as the epitome of stiff-upper-lip, tea-and-crumpets, only-mad-dogs-and-Englishmen-go-out-in-the-midday-sun colonialism.

Although things have changed greatly since that day, on Nov. 18, 1886, when the hotel (named for Sir Stamford Raffles, who founded modern Singapore in 1819) welcomed its first guest, Raffles has endured and — thanks to an ambitious plan for renovation — will be much like it was a century ago by the time its centennial is celebrated in 1986.

For a time it was feared that Raffles, like Hong Kong's beloved Repulse Bay Hotel, would be pulled down to make way for an unspeakable high-rise, but the public fought and won the battle to save the small (127-room) hotel.

Work will begin this fall to return Raffles to its French renaissance splendor. When the renovation is completed, the hotel will have

80 luxurious suites and the exact look it presented to visitors a century ago. Open verandas will face Beach Road and ceiling fans will whirl in the tiffin room. Good show, old sport, good show.

As part of the renovation, a modern 500-room hotel tower will also be created, much like the one that looms over the old Royal Hawaiian in Honolulu. The tower might pique some traditionalists, but it was necessary for the economic survival of Raffles. If you stay in the original hotel, you won't even notice it.

The history of Raffles closely parallels the history of Singapore. From the early colonial excesses, through the horror of World War II, to our modern air-conditioned, swimming-pool, jet age.

The characters of Raffles are legion, including the school teacher who shot the last tiger to be killed in Singapore (albeit an escaped one from the circus). No wonder Somerset Maugham wrote two of his books — *The Moon and Sixpence* and *Of Human Bondage* while staying at Raffles. There were enough characters for 10 books.

Noel Coward was another long-term resident and based much of his story "Pretty Polly Barlow" in the hotel. His observation of the Singapore climate is as true today as it was on his last stay, in 1968, when he wrote:

"There was a thunderstorm brewing and the stifling heat pressed down on my head, I felt as though I were inside a hot cardboard box which was growing rapidly smaller and smaller, until soon I should have to give up all hope of breathing and die of suffocation." Today, air conditioning in the guest rooms saves your life, although the high-ceilinged public rooms are still cooled by fans.

If you stay at Raffles before the renovation is completed, try to book the Somerset Maugham room (formerly suite 78). It is big, nearly 700 square feet, has a sitting room (with a television), a huge four-poster bed, and a large, step-down marble bathroom. And, it only costs \$90 a night in a city known for high hotel prices.

Although the current Raffles is a bit tattered at the edges, like poor but proud English nobility, it is still the most charming spot in all of Singapore. When the old girl gets a facelift and new makeup, she will be the most beautiful lady in the Far East. So many suitors are awaiting that day that the centennial celebration — Nov. 18, 1986 — is already sold out.

Despite, or perhaps because of, her advanced age, Raffles still "stands for all the fables of the exotic East," as Maugham wrote. If you haven't been to Raffles, you haven't been to Singapore.

New gleam to Hong Kong's crystal ball

By Ellen Chan

HONG KONG (HKF) — Where vegetables grew, multistoried buildings now climb to the sky. Once distant picnic sites are now within earshot of a humming urban center. Population is multiplying, land is being extended into the sea, and former rural villages are basking in the sun on the balconies of their Spanish-style villas. With such changes, Shatin, one of Hong Kong's new satellite towns, is rushing headlong toward cityhood.

At the same time Shatin may be strengthening the island nation's stance with respect to its 1997 year of decision with China.

Whatever the future, there is no stopping Shatin today. Born in the early 1970s, it already has a population of more than 200,000, and with people pouring in at a rate of 7,000 each month, the population is expected to reach half a million, in another two to three years.

Meanwhile, the British-run government of Hong Kong is spending an estimated \$1 million a day on development of Shatin's infrastructure.

Shatin is the product of a massive influx of Chinese from the mainland in the last three to four decades. Most of them settled in hillside slums in overburdened sections of Hong Kong Island and Kowloon. During the 1950s the Hong Kong government launched a major housing program and several years later announced plans to establish a series of new towns in the new territories, a large, predominantly rural area between Kowloon and the China border.

Seven new towns are now in the making, the largest undertaking of its kind in the world.

Lying only a few miles north of Kowloon, Shatin occupies a fertile valley protected by green hills and containing a bed for the Shingmun River, which empties into the sea nearby. Not long ago, the valley was dominated by an irregular pattern of farmland strips, and local legend claims that rice produced there was long ago sent across thousands of miles to the Chinese emperor's table. Separated from the bustle of Kowloon by a mountain range, Shatin was the scene of peaceful village life from the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644). In more recent times it became a popular destination for holiday outings, where old villages, the farmers and the river were interesting contrasts for city folk.

Now high-rise housing blocks, light industry and a host of recreational attractions have drawn people from the urban conglomeration across the mountains, aided by road and rail connection that make daily commuting feasible.

The first wedge to disturb the rustic valley was low-cost government housing. Although people were initially reluctant to move to a place "so far away," they soon changed their minds. Eight thriving housing estates have already been built by the government while more are coming from private developers. Shatin is linked by rail to Hong Kong's new Mass Transit Railway so that residents can

reach offices in Central Hong Kong Island within an hour. But Shatin is not just a "bed-room" town. Planners hope that with current commercial and industrial development 20 percent of the population will be able to work in Shatin.

Primary and secondary schools are already established. A hospital will open in mid-1983. For recreation, there's the Jubilee Sports Center, a worldstandard sports ground where the 3rd Fespac Games were held in 1982, plus swimming pools, parks, sports clubs and a bicycle track. A city hall to contain a theater and library is being planned. A horse-racing course is already operating and a hotel is under construction.

To instill a sense of belonging to the new community, people have been organized into mutual aid committees in which they can voice their problems to district officials.

Some things in Shatin are unchanged. But Tsang Tai Uk, a well-known walled village built in the mid-19th century, remains a favored tourist attraction.

In transforming Shatin, the government also compensated indigenous residents for their losses.

Shatin, of course, is part of the 88 percent of Hong Kong that stands to revert to China's control with expiration of a 99-year lease in 1997.



SKYLINE: High-rise buildings dominate the skyline of Shatin. Here they tower over the Yuen Chau Kok Temporary Housing Area.

Another Look

Another blow to male egos

By Robert Yoakum

American women are so caught up in the drive for physical fitness that they are urging their male companions to join them as they do indoor drills like the Jane Fonda Workout. Before accepting this invitation, however, I advise my fellow males to check out the Fonda videotape.

It is normally no strain for me to watch *Isaac Fonda*, whatever she's doing, but one uncomfortable truth emerges forcefully before the videotape has rolled very far: The differences between the way women and men are built go far beyond the most noteworthy ones. Females are far more flexible!

There are two men among the seven persons doing the Fonda routine along with the supple star. Males are embarrassed to watch them; women chuckle. The men are well built, but they simply don't measure up!

Were the exercises deliberately designed for the female body in an effort to humiliate us? Were the fellows chosen for their relative ineptitude? Probably not. One thing becomes clear after watching the workout for four or five minutes, and that is that we chaps are relatively stiff, musclebound, and awkward. We are to women as water buffalos are to gazelles.

When women do persuade men to join them, it isn't hard to imagine the outcome: "Grab your right ankle with your left hand, and go down, knee to chest! One! Two! Three! Four! And one! Two!..." "You're bending your leg, David!" "Right. Otherwise I couldn't grab my ankle."

"And she said knee to chest!" "Look, Sara! Your chest sticks out farther, OK?"

"Bend your knees and put your hands flat on the floor. Now straighten your legs and bend! Two and bend! Three and bend!..." "You aren't straightening your legs all the way, David!"

"There..." "Now your hands aren't on the floor!" "Of course they aren't! I can't even touch my toes — oof! — without bending my knees. Couldn't even do it in the army. And the penalty was scrubbing latrines."

"Next the bicycle. Hands behind your head. Stretch your right leg out, close to the floor. Bend your left knee and touch it to your right elbow. Be sure you keep the extended leg close to the ground! Ready? Go! One, two..."

"Don't tell me! I'm not — oof! — touching my elbows and knees, right?" "Right. And you aren't keeping your leg extended either."

"Damn!" "Are you ready for buttock tucks? Lie on your back. Weight on your shoulders. Feet parallel. Movement of the hips is very small, very subtle, so you have to work deep. Really make those muscles burn! And lift! Lower! Lift! Lower!..."

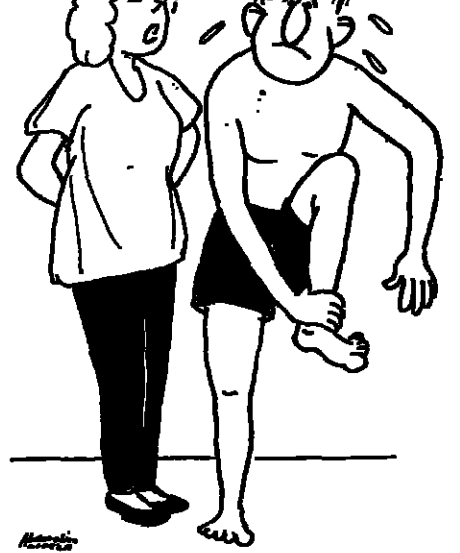
"My muscles were already burning!" "David, you're not trying!" "I am trying! It's not a normal — oof! — movement. Bet you wouldn't find — uh — what'sisname doing this?"

"Who?" "Fonda's husband, Hayden. Looks pale and — Uh! — flabby to me."

"You're jealous."

"Don't forget to breathe! Deeply!"

"Forget to breathe?! How the hell — oof!"



— could I forget to breathe? Problem is there isn't enough — uhh! — air!" "Sit up. Put your right foot in front of your left leg. Walk your hands around over your bent legs. Stretch out your spine. Touch your forehead to the floor. Now..."

"Forehead to the floor? She's joking! Hey! You're — oof! — doing it!" "Well you sure aren't! You look like a beached flounder. Do you want to quit?"

"Quit? Why? I — oof! — I'm... Just a little, uh —"

"Seven up, eight up, nine up, and ten..."

"Oh, oh! My back!"

"David! Here, I'll help."

"Ah, that's it! Rub right there."

"I'm terribly sorry, honey. I shouldn't have talked you into doing it. I keep forgetting which is really the, uh, weaker sex."

Mabandla's exit signals end of modernism in Swaziland

By Richard Williams

MBABANE, Swaziland (R) — The map of Africa could be changed as a result of the dismissal of Prime Minister Prince Mabandla Dlamini, an appointee and nephew of the late King Sobhuza, and his replacement by a more traditionalist prince.

Sobhuza, who for over 60 years dominated the politics of this small country wedged between white-ruled South Africa and Marxist Mozambique, died last August and his senior widow the Ndlovikazi — the great she-elephant — now rules in his place.

The late king maintained a skillful blurring act throughout his reign between traditionalists and modernizers in Africa's last semi-feudal monarchy. But since his death, political observers here say there has been persistent squabbling between chief Mabandla's supporters and the Likoqo, a strongly traditional inner circle of royal elders and tribal chiefs.

What part the queen — a reclusive figure who is rarely seen in public — played in Prince Mabandla's dismissal is unknown. But diplomatic sources point to his replacement as proof that the conservative faction is now firmly in control of the Likoqo.

In Johannesburg South African Foreign Minister Botha said the dismissed prime minister had arrived unexpectedly with his family in South Africa. Botha said he had told the Swazi government of Prince Mabandla's arrival in the past few days.

Prince Bhekimphe Dlamini, the new prime

minister, is known chiefly as a staunch supporter of the monarchy, which has an almost mystical aura to the rural peasants who make up more than 70 percent of Swaziland's 500,000 population. He is also a strong advocate of regaining lands that once formed part of the traditional realm of the Swazi monarchs but were lost to South Africa at the end of the last century. The republic attempted last year to hand over two areas adjoining Swaziland that King Sobhuza had laid claim to for many decades.

The two areas are Kangwane, a crescent-shaped sliver of land on Swaziland's western border which is the homeland for the republic's 750,000 blacks of Swazi origin, and Ingwavuma, a coastal region near the Mozambique border. But a public outcry by leaders of South Africa's white opposition and court action by the tribal homeland leaders involved have temporarily stopped the transfer of land while a government commission investigates the issue.

Prince Mabandla was known to be an opponent of the land deal, which would more than double the size of the kingdom and its population while bringing few tangible benefits. Kangwane, like the other South African tribal homelands, is underdeveloped and overpopulated. Despite its beautiful and rugged mountain scenery, most people managed only to eke a living from the overgrazed infertile soil, in contrast to Swaziland, whose annual per capita income of \$540 is one of the highest in black Africa.

Book pirates steal a billion

By Liesl Graz

GENEVA (LOS) — Book piracy is costing authors, publishers and retailers a billion dollars a year, it was estimated here recently at a symposium of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

There are two main kinds of piracy — one motivated by pure greed and one brought about by the fact that poor countries cannot afford high prices for the knowledge essential to their development. A piracy map of the world would show particularly black areas in Peru, the Dominican Republic, Syria, Lebanon, Pakistan and Taiwan, with India, Malaysia, Singapore and Korea an extremely dark shade of gray.

Some governments are trying to crack down on the greedy, who aim to get rich by reproducing best-sellers at cut prices. Taiwan last year strengthened its ludicrously weak laws by raising the maximum penalty for first offenders to five years' imprisonment. Hong Kong, once a pirates' delight, claims now to be as hard on back-alley printers as it is on cassette copiers.

The second form of piracy involves textbooks, and scientific and technical publications. Western books have become so expensive that even students in the West find it hard to afford them. What then of students in developing countries? The Malaysian Minis-

try of Education was recently asked to outlaw pirated books in schools. It not only refused to do so but an official was quoted as calling the pirates benefactors of humanity.

Publishers complain, too, that it is nothing more than legalized piracy when governments invoke compulsory license orders to allow local reprints of a "needed book" with a payment of 2 percent — before taxes — of the local price to the legal copyright owner. Such practices are common in — among other countries — the Philippines and Pakistan.

Germany and the Netherlands are still feeling the effects of the 1960s and 70s university "cooperatives" in Europe which proclaimed their unwillingness to give money to capitalist publishers for knowledge that should belong to the people. German publishers reckon that the "altruistic" pirates made \$300,000 on one pirated economics text alone. In Syria university piracy is particularly pernicious because it includes a large export trade.

There is no simple solution. Even the use of foreign aid funds to subsidize cheap "licensed" editions does not work. A licensed edition of a dictionary of science, selling officially for \$2, is still pirated in India.

As long as consumers fail to understand that the copyright cheats are stifling creation, there will be no end to the piracy.

Recession in Britain comes to an end--CBI

LONDON, March 29 (AFP)—The recession in Britain, the worst since the 1930s, now appears to be over, according to the latest survey of business chiefs made by the Confederation of British Industry (CBI).

For the second consecutive month, businesses reported that activity and orders had picked up — particularly for manufacturers of consumer goods and products for export.

The CBI poll, long regarded as the most reliable barometer of British business, showed that business chiefs were now at their most optimistic since the recession started about four years ago.

Among the 1,778 firms polled, only 13 percent predict that their output will fall in the next four months. Some 29 percent expect an improvement. Just two months

Banks lend Iraq \$500m

PARIS, March 29 (AFP) — Iraq was accorded a \$500 million Euro-credit here by a consortium of 34 international banks that included massive Arab participation as well as the unusual participation of the Bank of China.

The funds, mostly for civil use, are generally assumed by the financial community to be linked with Iraq's war with Iran.

The credit is for a period of five years, at a rate one percent above the London inter-bank offered rate (LIBOR). It took more than four years to negotiate, an unusually long period.

The Bank of China contributed \$3 million — proof, observers added, of a certain Chinese bias toward Baghdad in its war with Iran.

Stern granted relief from debt

LONDON, March 29 (AP) — William Stern, listed in *The Guinness Book of Records* as the world's biggest bankrupt, was granted a suspended discharge from his debts of 118 million pounds (\$177 million) in the London high court Monday.

The Hungarian-born American, whose British property empire collapsed in the mid-1970s, will be free to resume his business career at the end of September 1985.

Judge Sir Raymond Walton said he had suspended the discharge because he was not satisfied that Stern, 47, "had learned the lessons of his bankruptcy." The ruling means that the court can reconsider its verdict.

Stern and his wife live in a million-pound (\$1.5 million) mansion, owned by a family trust, in north London's Golders Green district. They enjoy what another judge, Sydney Templeman, called a "Rolls-Royce existence."

The discharge from his May 1978 bankruptcy came after three creditors claiming a total of about 61 million pounds (\$91 million) dropped their objections.

'Butter mountain' of EEC grows

BRUSSELS, March 29 (AFP) — The European Economic Community (EEC) "butter mountain" rose to 357,177 tons at the end of February, the EEC Commission estimated Tuesday on the basis of reports from government and private sectors.

Public sector stocks rose from 229,723 tons in January to 291,363 tons in February, but private stocks dropped from 120,606 tons to 65,814 tons. The commission noted that milk deliveries in January were 10 percent up on a year earlier, and in February they were 7 percent up. Stocks of skimmed milk powder were 609,229 tons in January and 651,419 tons in February.

The commission has revised its 1983-84 milk price proposal downward. It now suggests a rise in price of 2.3 percent instead of 3.2 percent.

Strike grounds Greek airlines

ATHENS, March 29 (AP) — Employees of Olympic Airways, Greece's national carrier, began a 48-hour strike Tuesday, grounding all its domestic and international flights and stranding hundreds of tourists at Athens Airport.

The strike was called from midnight Monday (2100 GMT) through midnight Wednesday (2100 GMT). The Civil Aviation Union's Federation, which represents the company's 9,000 employees, said the strikers were demanding implementation of provisions in the 1982 contract that would give the unions some voice in management decisions and consultation on hiring and firing.

German orders rise

BONN, March 29 (AFP) — Orders received by West German manufacturing industry rose 6.5 percent in January after seasonal adjustment, the Economy Ministry said Tuesday in its monthly report.

Demand had risen for consumer and capital goods within West Germany and abroad. Car sales rose well. Industrial output increased by an adjusted 3 percent.

Annual inflation rate was running at 3.7 percent in February, down from December's 4.6 percent.

Soviet wheat for Kabul

NEW DELHI, March 29 (AP) — The Afghan government announced Monday that it was buying an additional 20,000 metric tons of wheat from the Soviet Union to tide over food shortages in the landlocked country.

"The import ... will end the scarcity of cereal in the country," Kabul radio said in a newscast monitored in India.

An agreement on the additional purchase was signed in Kabul Monday between the Afghan Ministry and a Soviet export firm, the broadcast said.

Earlier this year, the Soviet Union agreed to supply 100,000 tons of wheat to Afghanistan in grant aid. It also agreed to barter another 40,000 tons for Afghan natural gas.

U.S. to hike oil imports

WASHINGTON, March 29 (R) — The United States will import more oil and use more petrol this year for the first time since 1978, the Energy Department said in a report.

It said Monday the increased demand was due to lower oil prices and greater economic activity, but added that the size of the increase would be held down by improved fuel efficiency of cars and other conservation measures.

U.S. petroleum consumption was forecast to rise 0.7 percent this year to 15.4 million barrels a day. Imports should go up 11.6 percent to 4.7 million bpd.

Peking charterers show widespread interest

LONDON, March 29 (AFP) — There was an underlying steadiness on the freight market last week, although the U.S. grain rates to Japan were rather volatile, with those for 30,000 tonners reaching ten-month highs, but for the larger vessels, payments eased back. A holiday in Japan on Monday meant a quiet start to the week, and trading never really gathered any momentum after that, although there was plenty of potential in the market.

Orders started to appear to lift one million tons of U.S. wheat flour to Egypt, but it was difficult to ascertain whether anything was done. Movements out of the Great Lakes were more numerous as the new season

Weekly freights

approaches, with the first open water expected in April.

Communist Chinese charterers showed a widespread interest, booking more grain from the River Plate, paying \$31.75 a ton for a 30,000 tonner or 15 cents more than the week before, but obtaining a sugar cargo from Cuba at \$35 a ton, \$5 less than paid in January.

In the time-charter section, these charterers were also busy fixing at least three trips. Time-chartering was perhaps the mainstay of last week's market, although it was difficult to judge as many fixtures went unreported.

Indian government charterers continued to provide support for the fertilizer trade, book-

ing tonnage out of Aqaba and paying \$11.50 a ton, or 25 cents more than two weeks earlier.

In the grain trades, the main interest remained centered on the U.S. Gulf where a 43,000 tonner was fixed to Japan at \$19.50 a ton, or \$1 down on previous business, while a 30,000 tonner on the same route was paid \$22.25, up \$2.50 and the highest since May last year. The rate for the U.S. Gulf/West Coast Mexico trade, eased back 50 cents after the sharp rise the week before, to \$19.50 for 20,000 tons.

In the trans-Atlantic grain trade (U.S. Gulf/Europe), a 75,000 ton shipment was paid \$8.25 a ton, up 15 cents.

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Despite worldwide glut

Egypt increasing oil output

CAIRO, March 29 (Agencies) — Egypt is expanding its crude oil and natural gas production despite the current world glut which forced prices down and caused the international oil cartel to reduce production, a cabinet minister said Tuesday.

Oil Minister Ahmad Ezzeddin Hilal estimated that Egyptian production in the fiscal year starting next July will be 40 million tons, three million tons more than the current year. Hilal spoke at the research center of the ruling National Democratic Party. His remarks were reported by the official Middle East News Agency.

The world oil glut led the Organization of

Petroleum Exporting Countries to reduce the benchmark price from \$34 to \$29 a barrel earlier this month. OPEC also decided to cut back production of its members by one million barrels daily, to 17.5 million.

The OPEC price reduction caused Egypt, which is not a member of the cartel, to lower its prices by about \$2 a barrel effective March 1. Its top-grade Gulf of Suez crude price dropped from \$29 to \$27.25 a barrel. It was the fourth reduction since last November.

"Egyptian oil production will not be affected by world price cuts," the agency quoted Hilal as saying. "Egyptian production is determined on a sound technical basis for

both crude oil and gas."

Meanwhile, Nigerian oil production this month should total around 900,000 barrels a day, oil companies estimated in Lagos Monday.

Oil sources said that this output was relatively low, considering the high quality of Nigerian crude and its price/quality competitiveness with comparable North Sea oil. Last month, Nigeria unilaterally cut the price of its crude by \$5.50 a barrel, thereby provoking the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to drop its benchmark oil price by \$5 a barrel. The sources said that potential oil buyers were still biding their time digesting the latest OPEC price move and hoping for a cut in the price of North Sea Oil, which would quite probably force Lagos to drop its price once again.

They said that Nigerian production started off well this month, peaking at 1,200,000 b/d on March 10. Nigeria's production quota as set by OPEC is 1,300,000 b/d.

Output then dropped to one million barrels toward March 15, to about 900,000 b/d five days later, then settled at between 800,000 and 850,000 currently.

Tin, aluminum prices soar

LONDON, March 29 (R) — Tin and aluminum prices leapt to new records Tuesday as the weakness of sterling together with hopes for an economic recovery boosted metal prices in London, dealers said.

Tin rose to 9,290 sterling a ton (\$61.5 a lb), 50 sterling (three cents) above Monday's close while aluminum was 18 sterling a ton (one cent) higher at 967 sterling (64 cents a lb).

But in dollar terms aluminum is still way below the 95 cents a lb level seen when the metal set its previous record of 966 sterling a ton in February 1980 as sterling as fallen from around \$2.20 to under \$1.50 dealers said.

However, analyst Bruce Leeming of London metal traders Rudolf Wolff said that although sterling was an important factor, the latest surge in metal prices was "not just frivolous buying."

Although the continuing rise in metal stocks held on the London Metal Exchange show that consumers have not yet returned to the market, analysts point to the recent improvement in the U.S. construction and motor industry, important markets for metals such as copper, aluminum and tin, as a sign that consumer demand could soon recover.

With lower oil prices also giving a fillip to industrial output, the sharp cutbacks in mine production carried out by North American producers over the past year mean demand for copper and aluminum this year could exceed output, analysts said. Copper rose 14 sterling (one cent a lb) Tuesday to 1,146 ster-

ling a ton (76 cents). The market has advanced nearly 150 sterling since the beginning of the year but in dollar terms the rise has been limited.

The pound's decline has distorted the market, said analyst David Hargreaves of Brokers Shearson-American Express, but there were now good reasons for expecting prices to rise in non-sterling terms.

Sudanese get little medical care

KHARTOUM, March 29 (AFP) — Sudan, the largest country in Africa, has only one doctor per 10,000 inhabitants, one hospital bed per 1,000 and a life expectancy short of 50, with the situation in the south close to desperate.

The government sent out field medical teams, but with 2,500,000 square kms, the problem is not easy to redress. Only a few weeks ago there was no surgical thread for stitches in the hospital at Yei, southern Sudan, only a short distance from the Uganda and Zaire borders, and the few operations carried out were done with help of torchlight as there was no diesel oil to power the generators.

At Juba, also in the south, patients defecate in the corridors of the town's ancient old hospital, whose sanitary system has completely collapsed. At Kassala, in northern Sudan relatives have to cook patients' meals. Drugs deteriorate and rot in the intense heat while the simplest urine tests often prove too much for the hospital laboratory.

The fragile health of the average Sudanese makes the appalling state of conditions in the

country's health services even more worrying. Malaria, sleeping sickness, bilharzia and infantile tetanus are endemic, while malnutrition wreaks havoc, especially among children. The richest regions are not spared. Guezirah, an extremely fertile region 100 kms south of Khartoum, produces 75 percent of the country's wheat and 30 percent of its groundnuts, which account for 60 percent of Sudan's exports.

But of its two million people, from 50-70 percent suffer from bilharzia — a debilitating disease caught from snails in streams and rivers — while five percent of the children die from diarrhea. An average worker notches up 33 days off work a year. Ironically, the ambitious irrigation projects which developed the region's wealth worsened the health situation, attracting mosquitoes and the bilharzia snail.

Sudan health authorities have estimated that it would cost \$150 million to overcome these two scourges, and the country is financially incapable of finding this sum, already battling with an external debt of over \$8 billion.

BRIEFS

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) — The Brazilian soybean crop could this year total some 15 million tons against previous 12,800,000, the statistics institute said. Last year soybean exports earned \$2 billion against previous \$3.1 billion.

OSLO (AFP) — Trade between Norway and the Soviet Union has recently started along the Kirkenes-Murmansk route for the first time since 1945, official sources said here. Until now, the Norwegian-Soviet border has been opened only for groups of Norwegian tourists on their way to the Soviet Union. The trade route was through Finland.

LONDON (AFP) — Lucas and Smith Industries, two leading British makers of electronic components for road vehicles, are to set up Lucas electrical electronic systems, whose product range will be Europe's largest. Lucas will own 88.1 percent of the new company.

PARIS (R) — Thousands of white-coated French junior doctors marched through central Paris Tuesday as part of a week-old strike that has crippled hospital services throughout the country.

PARIS (AFP) — A Franco-Japanese consortium has won a \$240,000 contract from Malaysia to build a thermal power station, the French group Alstom-Atlantique

KARACHI (AP) — Saying there is growing U.S. commercial interest in Pakistan, U.S. Consul General Alexander Ratne told a meeting here Monday that 12 joint ventures were established with Pakistani businessmen last year and a joint council has won permission to set up a tractor plant. The U.S.-Pakistan Economic Council has secured approval to build a Ford tractor plant in Baluchistan province, he told the Rotary Club group, announced here Tuesday. The contract was awarded by Malaysia's National Electricity Board.

TOKYO (AFP) — The Japanese electronics giant Sony has developed a new magnetic recording system providing the world's highest recording density, the firm announced here Tuesday. A Sony spokesman revealed the development of an experimental 3.5-inch (8.9 cm) micro-floppy disk recording system with a linear density of 65.5 kilobits per inch of recording.

COPENHAGEN (AP) — Dutch Philips Tuesday announced an eight millimeter video cassette and equipment agreement with the Japanese firms Sony, Hitachi, Matsushita and JVC. The "main lines" of the deal were agreed recently in Tokyo and the equipment would be marketed next year.

Tokyo meeting assails high U.S. interest

TOKYO, March 29 (AFP) — Former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and other former policy-makers of industrial nations ended a two-day round table conference here Tuesday discussing political, economic and military problems, conference sources said.

Participants in the closed-door meeting included former British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington, France's ex-Premier Raymond Barre and former west German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt.

Another participant, former Japanese chief Cabinet Secretary Kiichi Miyazawa, told reporters the conference agreed that high U.S. interest rates were the major impediments to world economic recovery. But there was no consensus on whether or how to cut the U.S. defense spending to reduce the government's fiscal deficit and lower the interest rates, he said.

Some participants proposed that Japan, the United States and the European Monetary System establish a fund to stabilize currencies, sources said.

BL workers go on strike

LONDON, March 29 (Agencies) — The output of British Leyland's latest car, the Maestro, was interrupted Monday by a strike of 3,000 workers at BL's Cowley plant in west London who were protesting the end of a three-minute clean-up break.

The workers voted Monday to strike as a protest against a management decision to abolish a three-minute pause at the end of a shift giving the worker time to clean up before going home. The management said in a communique that the pause had never been official, and had never been part of any accord with trade unions. It calculated that scrapping the pause would bring an extra 100 cars off the production line each week. The strike will cost BL an estimated 1,000 cars a day — half of them Maestros.

The Maestro model has met with great success since it was launched a month ago, and BL badly wanted to speed up production. Union leaders have accused management of using "autocratic and heavy-handed tactics" to boost production at the plant.

Bush fires ruin large plantations in Ivory Coast

ABIDJAN, March 29 (R) — Bush fires have destroyed 250,000 hectares of cocoa and coffee plantations, the Ivory Coast forestry minister said. The area destroyed accounts for about 60 percent of the Ivory Coast's agricultural production.

The minister, Christian Zagote, said 400,000 hectares of forest had also been destroyed. Timber accounts for 15 percent of the export revenue of the West African country which is the world's top cocoa producer and a leading producer of coffee, ranking after Brazil and Colombia. Zagote, blamed the fires on two months' drought and on the annual dry Harmattan wind from the Sahara. Hunters flushing animals by setting fire to trees and farmers burning land to clear it were also causes, he said.

Newspaper reports say that scores of farmers and hunters have died in some of the fires and whole villages reduced to ashes. Last month, Agriculture Minister Denis Bra Kanon said the 1982-1983 season's cocoa production would be well below last season's crop of 456,000 tons, but gave no details.

Dollar's rise unchecked

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, March 29 — The dollar continued its seemingly remorseless progress against the European and Japanese currencies. Tuesday saw some gains being made against the Japanese yen and the British pound, while the German mark came under pressure to trade at 2.4380 from 2.4300 Monday levels. This was despite a sharp rise in the West German currency reserves of 800 million marks for the month of February.

The dollar's rise continued to reflect the strong market sentiment that dollar interest rates will be rising and the past few days have seen Eurodollar deposits firm by over 1/4 percent to take the one-year period to over 10 1/4 percent prices. The money markets are putting themselves in a mood which now expects to see interest rates rise due merely to some larger than expected rises in the weekly U.S. money supply figures and this coming Friday's figures could prove decisive in determining the direction of U.S. interest rates.

In the meantime, the fact that the Federal Reserve "Fed Fund" prime lending rates have not gone down to below the 14 percent levels has convinced the markets that the Fed might be contemplating an even higher Fed fund policy. This is a far cry from those days, only a few weeks back when the same markets were also equally "convinced" that the Fed would cut back on its discount rate.

On Tuesday's exchange, the British pound fell to a record low of 1.4510 but recovered on some modest Bank of England support which took the price back up to 1.4570 levels. The pound is now becoming increasingly jittery over the news that a possible British North Sea oil price cut to below \$30 a barrel would have harmful effects on the U.K.'s balance of payments. Nigeria has announced that it would not

allow any British oil price reductions to go by unnoticed. The French currency fell to 7.3010 by late Tuesday trading, and the franc was not helped by the news that French money supply figures had risen by 11.5 percent in 1982 and are forecasted to grow even higher in 1983.

The Japanese yen was shaky at the 240.50 levels on rumors of an impending Japanese discount rate cut while the Swiss franc fell to 2.0890 on some active trading. On the whole, the exchangers are nervous and some quick profit-taking crept in from time to time against the dollar and due to the seasonal banking holidays coming up soon.

The bullion markets continued to remain nervous too, and Tuesday saw the gold price ranges remain within \$410-411 an ounce while silver only marginally crept up to \$10.36 from \$10.30 opening prices. The money and exchange market uncertainties are affecting bullion and dealers said that the \$400 price range for gold could very well be reached if the dollar continues to perform strongly.

On the domestic markets, Riyal deposit rates rose by around 1/4 percent in the first such move in the past few days. The week fixed rate traded sharply at 9-9 1/4 percent while the one-month JIBOR traded around 9 1/4 percent by close of business. Longer dated funds were also active and the three-month rate operated at around 9 1/4 percent. Spot riyal/dollar exchanges were fairly active at the 3.4405-08 levels with commercial demand leading the way.

LONDON: The following are the closing gold prices in U.S. dollars per troy ounce:

London	414.625
Paris	413.80
Frankfurt	413.98
Zurich	411.50
Hong Kong	413.15

Soviets warn farm ministers

MOSCOW, March 29 (R) — The Soviet government warned Monday that several ministries connected with agriculture must improve their performances this spring and officials would be held personally responsible for failure.

Deputy ministers responsible for the meat, milk and packing industries were among those instructed to cut losses or face the consequences, Tass news agency reported.

Tass did not mention the important grain crop but it made clear the Kremlin was firm in its intention to improve the country's agricultural infrastructure.

EEC extends crop year to April 28

BRUSSELS, March 29 (Agencies) — Agriculture ministers of the 10 European Common Market countries have decided to extend the present crop year to April 28 for milk, beef and sheepmeat while waiting for agreement on new EEC farm prices, well-informed sources said after the ministers met.

The new farm year for those products would normally begin April 1, the traditional date for setting new Common Market farm prices. The ministers will try to agree on farm prices at a "marathon" negotiating session scheduled for April 18-20 in Luxembourg — and if they fail, a second marathon might be

held on April 25-27, EEC sources say.

The EEC agriculture minister also decided Monday that Belgium and Luxembourg may devalue their "green franc" (used in EEC farm trade) by 3.2 percent as of April 1 for milk, and as of April 4 for beef, in accordance with an agreement of the 10 EEC members following the monetary realignment of Feb. 1982 that brought a devaluation of the Belgian-Luxembourg franc.

The decision allows the two countries to abolish their negative compensatory amounts that act as export taxes on farm products.

Argentina urges 3rd World unity

BUENOS AIRES, March 29 (R) — Argentina Monday urged Third World countries to step up mutual cooperation in order to fight off economic pressure from richer countries.

Foreign Minister Juan Aguirre Lanari told more than 100 delegates from Africa, Asia and Latin America that such action would

help reduce their vulnerability, "particularly when faced by economic crisis." The minister was addressing a conference of the "Group of 77," now comprising 125 developing countries, which is to work out a joint strategy for the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in Belgrade in June.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday

Currency	Rate	Transfer
Bahrian Dinar	9.25	9.15
Bangladesh Taka	14.21	14.03
Belgian Franc (1,000)	74.00	71.56
Canadian Dollar		2.81
Danish Mark (100)	142.10	141.55
Dutch Guilder (100)	127.00	125.65
Egyptian Pound	3.05	3.01
Emirate Dirham (100)	93.25	94.60
French Franc (100)	48.00	47.30
Greek Drachma (1,000)	39.00	41.06
Indian Rupee (100)		34.40
Iranian Rial (100)		
Italian Lira (10,000)	24.15	23.90
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.30	14.44
Jordanian Dinar	9.68	9.57
Kuwaiti Dinar	11.82	11.78
Lebanese Lira (100)	83.00	82.50
Moroccan Dirham (100)	52.60	52.38
Pakistani Rupee (100)	28.10	26.56
Philippine Peso (100)		35.90
Pound Sterling	5.05	5.03
Saudi Rial (100)	94.25	94.60
Singapore Dollar (100)		164.30
Spanish Peseta (1,000)		25.26
Swiss Franc (100)	167.25	165.30
Syrian Lira (100)	38.80	61.60
Turkish Lira (1,000)		
U.S. Dollar	3.45	3.44
Yemeni Rial (100)	75.10	75.00

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With tremendous late effort

Sutton strikes it rich in Florida

PONTE VEDRA, Florida, March 29 (AP) — Hal Sutton emerged from a struggling, scrambling, frustrated field with birdies on two of the last three holes and scored a one-stroke victory Monday in the day-late wind-up of the prestigious tournament Players Championship.

Sutton, who won one tournament and \$237,434 as a rookie last season, played the last 18 holes in 69, three under par on the controversial Players' Club course. He finished 72 holes in 283, five shots under par on the course that was the subject of a petition from some leading players to PGA Tour Commissioner Deane Beman demanding that changes be made on the home course for the PGA tour.

Sutton's victory in this event that is billed as the annual championship of golf's touring pros, was worth \$126,000 — the biggest prize so far offered on the American tour — from the total purse of \$700,000. The tournament schedule was disrupted by rains that washed out Thursday's play and thunderstorms Sunday morning which prevented a double-round wind-up.

At one time or another on the warm, sunny, breezy final day, nine players either led or shared the lead before the 24-year-old Sutton took charge. He put his second shot

over the green on the par-5 16th, chipped back and made the putt for birdie-4. He moved two shots clear of the field with a brilliant shot that floated to a stop a foot away from the flag on the island green of the 17th.

But, after waiting on the tee while a spectator took a swim in the lake, he bogeyed the final hole, missing the green and then leaving short a little chip that had to run over two ridges. That opened the gate for John Cook, the third round leader. Cook, playing well behind Sutton, gained birdied the 16th and was tied for the top at five under. That, however, lasted only until he hit his tee shot in the water on the 18th. That led to a double bogey — his second of the day — and dropped Cook back into a tie for third.

Journeyman Bob Eastwood claimed second with a solid, no-bogey 69 that left him one stroke back at 284. The \$75,600 check for runner-up was, by far, the largest of his 12-year tour career.

Cook shot 75 and was tied at 285 with John Mahaffey and Bruce Lietzke. Mahaffey came from eight shots back with a 67, the best round of the tournament. Lietzke shot 71. Doug Tewell, with a 70, and Vance Heafner, with a 74, were next at 286.

The only other men under par for four rounds were Curtis Strange and Ed Fiori at

287. Strange had a 70, Fiori 71. Ben Crenshaw and Bobby Clampett, each of whom led or shared the lead at one time or another, were at par 288. Clampett took a fat 77 on Monday.

Crenshaw had a 75 that could only be described as erratic and was, in a fashion, indicative of the frustrations that plagued the game's finest players. He had an eagle — a pitch-in on the second hole — and three birdies. But he also had a bogey and four double bogeys. One of those resulted from a four-putt. On another one, he took four to reach the green. On two others, he got it in the water. But he was not alone in his difficulties.

Fiori, for example, had the lead alone when he stepped to the 17th tee. He hit it into the water and finished double bogey-double bogey. Tom Watson, the player of the year five of the last six seasons, played the last three holes four over par. He had a 72-291.

Masters champion Craig Stadler thrashed his way to an 84, including a nine on the ninth hole. He finished at 302. David Graham, a former U.S. Open and PGA champion, made quadruple-bogey 7 on the 17th.

Jack Nicklaus never got it going. He had a closing 74 and 291. Arnold Palmer also finished with a 74 and 299. PGA title-holder Ray Floyd was 74-292.



Sutton...scrambles home
How they finished

Hal Sutton	73-71-70-69-283
Bob Eastwood	69-75-71-69-284
Bruce Lietzke	68-75-71-71-285
John Cook	69-70-71-75-285
John Mahaffey	72-74-72-67-285
Vance Heafner	72-71-69-74-286
Doug Tewell	72-74-70-70-286
Curtis Strange	72-75-70-70-287
Ed Fiori	72-73-71-71-287
Ben Crenshaw	70-74-69-75-288

As blacks cast spell on British Soccer

Chamberlain comes in from the wings to fly high

LONDON, March 29 (PA) — The English football scene is being transformed by black footballers. It has been predicted that if England reach the final stages of the 1986 World Cup, at least half of their 22-man squad will comprise such players.

The view is difficult to dispute, considering the tremendous impact of youngsters like Mark Chamberlain (Stoke), Luther Blissett

George Best. Indeed he's even being compared with Stanley Matthews.

Last season, this 20-year-old outside right was playing for Port Vale in the Fourth Division. Stoke City bought him for £185,000, and he has made their team one of the most entertaining in the First Division. Not since Stoke had Stanley Matthews, has a winger enchanted their supporters as Chamberlain

Hunter, over an enquiry about the player from Manchester City. "He seemed a bit down when I told him City were interested in signing him and when I asked what was up, he just said, 'Oh, I'm sick about Mark leaving...I used to love watching him in training.'"

Chamberlain, born in Stoke of Jamaican parents (his father is a haulage contractor, his mother a nurse), first attracted the attention

to put me on the right track."

It was from that point that McGrath became convinced of Chamberlain's ability to make a big impact in the First Division. Stoke first showed an interest in signing him more than 18 months ago, and Aston Villa and Liverpool also wanted him. Fortunately for Stoke, Aston Villa could not afford Vale's asking-price and surprisingly, Chamberlain was far from ecstatic about joining Liverpool. He was apprehensive of the Merseyside club's tendency to give such signings a lengthy spell in the reserves.

"Mark's a funny character, you know," McGrath says with a smile, adding that Chamberlain would have been willing to stay at Port Vale for the remainder of his contract, even though he was their lowest-paid player at £90 a week!

Chamberlain still portrays an easy-going attitude, bordering on flippancy. As McGrath points out, he is basically an individualist, and not the easiest of players to coach. "He should be left alone to a great extent...coach him and you'll destroy him."

"My first day in training at Stoke," Chamberlain says, grinning, "I had been running at the full back a few times when the boss shouted: Hold it... hold it." He says: "The first thing you do when you get the ball, Mark is look to play the long diagonal ball for the big center-forward."

I said: "All right, but I never think of doing it on a Saturday to tell you the truth." His personality is also reflected in his attitude to occasional racial taunts from opponents and spectators. "It makes me laugh, especially when the other team have a black player in their side."

Chamberlain, who says he has found it easier in the First Division than the Fourth ("you get more space and aren't kicked as much"), is unmoved by the acclaim and extra money he has earned this season. Most days he can be seen in a T-shirt, jeans and a pair of white tennis shoes, which he proudly points out were given to him by an admiring shopkeeper.

"Went into his sports shop," he explains, again with that perpetual grin, "and the bloke behind the counter gave me these shoes for nothing, didn't he? Said I was a good lad..."



Laurie Cunningham

of the top English League Clubs at 15, when he was in the England Schools XI. By then, however, he had become attached to Port Vale, like his brother Neville, a 22-year-old striker who is also with Stoke.

There is little doubt that Chamberlain owes much to McGrath. Chamberlain was 17 when McGrath joined the club and the manager recalls that he did not take the game seriously enough. "Much too sloppy in training," he says.

"He had some bad reports of me from the previous manager Bill Bentley," Chamberlain says. "On McGrath's first day here, he had me in his office and told me I was a trouble-maker. I couldn't believe it — me, the quietest person in the club."

He thought about it for a while, chuckling, and then for once became serious. "No, I was OK...it was just that I didn't appreciate in those days all the things involved in becoming a good player. I'd been influenced by one or two bad pros, and needed someone like him

In AGSRA Division One
Keen tussle for honors

By a Staff Writer

DHAHRAN, March 29 — The race for the Division One honors in the Arabian Gulf Cathay Pacific Winter Squash League, under the aegis of the Arabian Gulf Squash Rackets Association, is still on.

With B.A. All Stars and Stocktonians locked in a fierce battle only the remaining few games will shed a clear light on the eventual winner. The B.A. All Stars, however, are at present in the front with 96 points, but hold the edge even though they have played one game more than their rivals, Stocktonians, who have tallied 73 points from 11 encounters.

Dhahran I, who had kept abreast with the leading pack in the earlier stages fell back and will have to rest content with third place. They have completed their league engagements with 73 points. BAC I, who have still to play five games more, in all probability face the relegation axe.

Three Divisions, however, have been decided. Saudi Holland Bank clinched the Division Two pennant by finishing well ahead of their rivals. The only contest remaining in this division is the clash for the second spot

between Ras Tanura I and King Wilkinson I. The latter, with 78 points, are four points behind Ras Tanura but have still to play their final engagement. Kanoo, which had shown early promise, slipped to fourth place after losing their last five matches in a row. And again a BAC team, their second string, seem the likely candidates for demotion from the division.

The other divisional winners were Rezzayat II in Division Four and Abqaiq II in Division Five. Rezzayat II are well clear of the others with again the contest for the second place still alive. Ras Tanura II and Dresser Atlas Devils, with 68 and 52 points respectively, are in the fray with the Devils having played a game fewer than Ras Tanura. While Abqaiq II and Zamil Soule are runaway leaders in Division Five, Zamil coming in second. Kanoo took third place with Hoopoes taking the cellar spot in the league.

The Division Three also seems a one-horse race with Shedgun (76), the only unbeaten team in the league, ahead of their nearest rivals Abqaiq (70), who have played two games more than the leaders. Waywards and Rugby Club are both in danger of being relegated from this division.

AGSRA standings									
DIVISION ONE					DIVISION FOUR				
	P	W	L	Pa.		P	W	L	Pa.
B.A. All Stars	12	11	1	96	Al-Zahra	10	5	5	46
Stocktonians I	11	9	2	73	Bezi	9	5	4	46
Dhahran I	14	9	5	73	Stocktonians II	9	3	7	30
Jabail Racketeers	10	4	6	44	Waywards	9	2	7	19
Rezzayat I	12	5	7	41	Rugby Club	8	1	7	10
Saudi Telephone	10	3	7	32	Rezzayat II	11	10	1	83
Saudi British Bank	10	3	7	28	Ras Tanura I	11	8	3	68
BAC I	9	0	9	9	Dresser Atlas	8	6	2	52
DIVISION TWO					DIVISION FIVE				
Saudi Holland Bank	14	12	2	106	Abqaiq II	14	12	2	108
Bank	14	10	4	82	Ras Tanura II	12	10	2	86
Ras Tanura I	13	10	3	78	Kanoo Kanouls	14	9	5	77
King Wilkinson I	14	8	6	73	Saudi Tel.	12	7	5	59
Kanoo	14	6	8	61	G&C Club	13	5	8	47
Lockheed	14	4	10	42	AMEC	12	5	7	43
Dhahran II	14	4	10	39	Western	10	2	8	21
Ballast Nedam	13	1	12	14	Geophysical	13	0	13	9
DIVISION THREE					DIVISION SIX				
Shedgun	9	9	0	76	Gray Mac	11	2	9	83
Abqaiq	11	8	3	70	GP4	11	2	9	83
					Marbella	11	2	9	70

Beating PakInd White in final tie

Dunes tops in Jeddah Bridge

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 29 — Dunes emerged tops in the Jeddah Bridge League. But it was close. They had to win their last encounter with PakInd White, last season's champions, to engrave their name on the Cup. And they did it, but barely, last week.

The finale was a grand affair, as both, the teams were still in fray for the Cup. But Dunes held a slight edge as they were two points ahead of their opponents at the outset.

However, this did not hamper PakInd White, who stretched Dunes to the hilt before succumbing 9-11.

PakInd White had retained an outside chance of upsetting Dunes when they put paid to SSS's hopes to finishing higher in the league with a 14-6 victory earlier. And SSS's 8-12 loss to PakInd Green saw them lagging behind in fifth spot, behind Saudia Blues, who held on to their fourth place with 13-7 verdict over GP4. PakInd Green finished third behind their sister team, just six Victory Points adrift.

Vikings defeated Saudia Green 12-8 to fin-

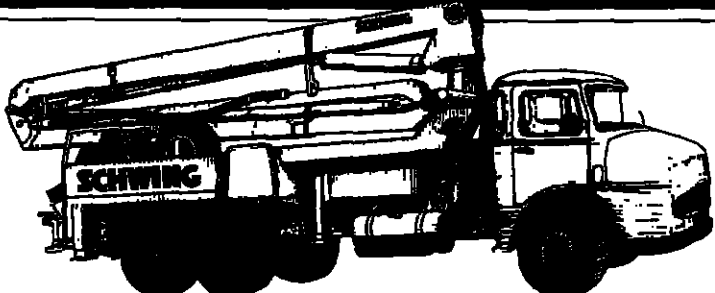
ish sixth in the league. Saudia Green's defeat pushed them to the seventh position, while Oldies gained the eighth place with a 18-2 rout of tenth-placed Gray Mackenzie.

Cellar team Marbella did look like turning the tables on ninth-placed KAIA in the early half. But their challenge crumbled on the face of a Grand Slam by KAIA and lost 9-11. GP4, who had been languishing at the bottom early in the season, registered their second win of the league when they beat Vikings 14-6, to end up eleventh.

The summer season will commence mid-April.

Final positions

	P	W	D	L	Vpts	Pa.
Dunes	11	10	1	1	158	20
Pak Ind W	11	8	3	3	138	16
PakInd G	11	8	3	3	132	16
Saudia B	11	7	1	3	139	15
SSS	11	7	1	3	128	15
Vikings	11	5	1	5	105	11
Saudia G	11	5	6	6	102	10
Oldies	11	4	4	7	112	8
KAIA	11	3	1	7	72	7
Gray Mac	11	3	1	7	81	6
GP4	11	2	9	8	83	4
Marbella	11	2	9	7	70	4

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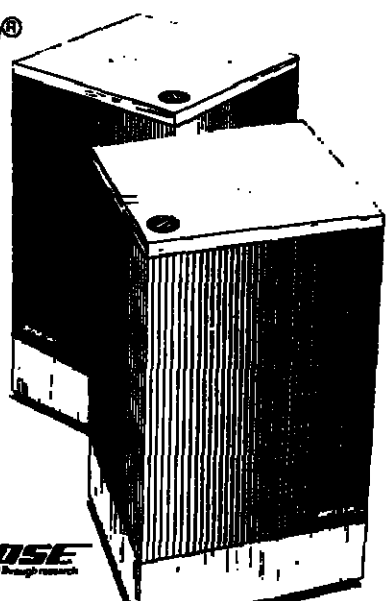
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Bulldogs chase away Demon Deacons to enter NIT final

NEW YORK, March 29 (AP) — Fresno State breezed into the final of the 46th National Invitation Tournament, and Depaul made it with a struggle in a pair of diverse semifinal basketball games Monday night at Madison Square Garden.

Led by Ron Anderson and Bernard Thompson and helped by a suffocating defense, Fresno State notched a surprisingly easy 86-62 decision over Wake Forest in the first game of the doubleheader.

Depaul then came back after blowing a 15-point lead and finally broke away in the last six minutes of the game behind Tyrone Corbin's cool foul shooting and key baskets to beat a tough Nebraska team 68-58 and move into Wednesday night's final.

"Our plan was to get a big lead in the first five minutes, then make them (Wake Forest) play from behind," Anderson said. Obvi-ously, the plan worked to perfection as the Pacific Coast Athletic Association Bulldogs hammered out an early lead and led by 14 points at the half. The Bulldogs, the nation's No. 1 defensive team, then smothered the Demon Deacons of the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Depaul, meanwhile, had to scrap back after squandering an early lead. "Credit Nebraska with trying to force us out of our patterns," said Depaul coach Ray Meyer.

Depaul broke away from an early tie with 15 straight points midway through the first half to lead 23-8 before the Huskers of the Big Eight Conference stormed back to close within 31-29 behind the shooting of Claude Renfro, who scored 11 of his 13 points in the first half.

Depaul's lead at the half was 36-31, and Nebraska eventually came back to tie it at 52-52 late in the second half with a one-man performance by Dave Hoppen, who scored 11 straight points for Nebraska at one stage.

Lendl falls at the first hurdle

MONTE CARLO, Monaco, March 29 (AP) — Shlomo Glickstein, ranked 42nd in the world, knocked No. 1 seed Ivan Lendl out of the \$300,000 Monte Carlo Open Tennis Tournament Tuesday with a stunning 6-2, 3-6, 7-5 upset victory in the first round.

Glickstein, a consistent, workmanlike player who has surprised some of the world's best, bothered Lendl with chopping, spinning returns and demonstrated an uncanny ability to anticipate his Czech opponent's shots. Lendl's first serve seemed to disappear on him periodically, forcing him out of his deadly serve-and-volley game. He only succeeded on 38 percent of first serves.

Glickstein kept his errors to a minimum and moved his 6-foot-2, 195-pound frame with surprising agility at the net. The 25-year-old Glickstein now adds Lendl, the world's top-ranked player, to an impressive list of victims including Mats Wilander, Jose-Luis Clerc and Brian Gottfried.

Morning rain pushed back the much-awaited clash between Bjorn Borg and Argentine Jose-Luis Clerc by a day. In other first-round matches Tuesday, Poland's Wojtek Fibak breezed past hard-serving John Alexander of Australia 6-3, 6-0. American Bill Scanton rallied to oust Brazil's Marcos Hocevor 5-7, 6-2, 7-6, and No. 6 seed Yannick Noah beat fellow-Frenchman Gilles Moretton 6-4, 6-4. Earlier, 36-year-old Ili Nastase of Romania beat Brazilian Cassio Motta 2-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Nastase, three-time winner at Monte Carlo, had serious difficulties with his first

But, with Depaul leading 56-54 with 6:15 in the game, the Blue Demons used the free throw line to salt the game away. Corbin hit three foul shots and a basket in a 12-2 run that put the Blue Demons up 68-56 with 30 seconds remaining.

Corbin finished with 13 points and a game-leading 14 rebounds, while Tony Jackson led Depaul with 17 points. Bernard Randolph added 13 for the Blue Demons, now 21-11. Hoppen finished with a team-leading 15 points for Nebraska, 22-10.

Fresno State, from the Pacific Coast Athletic Association, virtually settled Monday night's opener with a 38-24 halftime lead built largely with the help of Anderson and Thompson, who scored 10 points apiece in the opening 20 minutes.

They then delivered the knockout blow at the start of the second half by outscoring the Atlantic Coast Conference Deacons 13-4 during a stretch that gave the Bulldogs a 59-36 lead with 11:30 left in the game. With their red-clad fans from California roaring them on, the Bulldogs led by as many as 28 points twice before the one-sided contest was over.

The only thing Wake Forest fans had to cheer about all night was a brief flurry midway through the first half during which the Deacons outscored Fresno State 11-6 to cut the Bulldogs' lead to 24-20 with 6:05 remaining before intermission.

However, Anderson then scored six of his points to lead a 14-4 burst that propelled Fresno State into its hefty halftime advantage. Anderson was the game's high scorer with 24 points, while Thompson added 23 for Fresno State, which won its 11th game in its last 12 and improved its record to 24-10.

Delaney Rudd scored 16 points and Anthony Teachey contributed 14 for Wake Forest, which closed out its season at 20-12.



Lendl... fails to get going

serve in the opening set and was pushed around the court by the Brazilian's powerful top-spin forehand.

Nastase spent much of the second set complaining about wet spots on the clay court and the proximity of the linesmen's chairs to the playing area. With the score 2-2, Nastase between points dismantled an empty wooden linesmen's platform and knocked over an empty chair.

He went on to win the set 6-4 with a combination of patient baseline play and dramatic reflex shots at the net. He won the final set handily, breaking Motta in the sixth and the final games.

Borg, who came out of semi-retirement for one last tournament, is considered the underdog in his first-round match against the competition-toughened Clerc.

Elegant Cowans fails to find room in Robson's XI

LONDON, March 29 (AP) — Trevor Francis, hailed by England soccer manager Bobby Robson as "a special, world-class player," returns to the national team after a six-month layoff Wednesday for the European Championship qualifying match against Greece at Wembley.

Robson on Tuesday named Francis, 28, to play alongside Tony Woodcock up front for England in a potentially lethal striking partnership. In an all-out effort to improve England's goal difference at the top of the Group Three standings, Robson said his team would play in a 4-2-4 formation, with attacking midfield players Steve Coppell and Alan Devonshire using the wings outside Francis and Woodcock.

"The emphasis is on players who like to go forward," said Robson. "It is leaving toward being the most adventurous team I have picked. We aim to attack the Greece over the full width of the pitch."

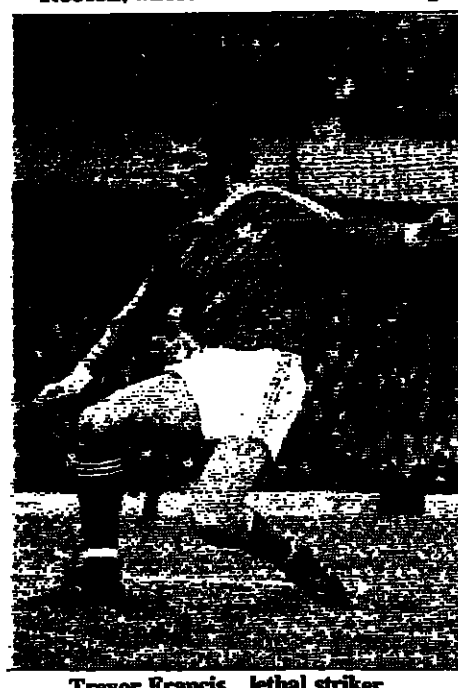
The selection of Francis, the country's outstanding forward who plays for Italian team Sampdoria of Genoa, is likely to add several thousand fans to the Wembley gate. In his last appearance for England, Francis scored both goals in the 2-2 draw against Denmark in Copenhagen but has since been suffering from a groin injury that has kept him out of international soccer and restricted him to only a handful of matches

for Sampdoria. Woodcock scored twice when England thumped Greece 3-0 in the corresponding European Championship fixture at



Tony Woodcock... bang in form

Salonica last November and is bang in from having hit four goals in his last two matches for Arsenal in the English First Division. Robson, whose team shows four changes



Trevor Francis... lethal striker

from their Salonica match, said Francis and Woodcock were the perfect blend. "They are ideally equipped to play together and look sharp at the moment," he said.

With England captain Bryan Robson injured, goalkeeper Peter Shilton will lead out the team. Other players ruled out by injury include Glenn Hoddle, Paul Mariner and Phil Thompson. In midfield, the manager continues to pin his faith in the running, strength and enthusiasm of youngsters Sammy Lee and Gary Mabbutt.

But there is no room for Aston Villa's elegant Gordon Cowans, who made an impressive international debut against Wales last month. Cowans gains one of the five substitutes places.

Greece, which has lost all three encounters against England at senior international level — and has not scored a single goal — will be looking for at least a draw to boost its chances of qualifying for the finals in France. England lead the group with five points from three matches.

England: Peter Shilton, Phil Neal, Alvin Martin, Terry Butcher, Kenny Sansom, Gary Mabbutt, Sammy Lee, Alan Devonshire, Steve Coppell, Trevor Francis, Tony Woodcock. Substitutes: Ray Clemence, Graham Rix, Mike Duxbury, Gordon Cowans, Luther Blisset.

KAIA 'B' bags Arab News Cup

By Paddy Rogan

JEDDAH, March 29 — KAIA 'B' clinched the race for the Arab News Cup in the Jeddah Tennis League with a convincing 8-1 victory over newcomers AOPC, last weekend.

This places the airport team on 85 points, well clear of runners-up Arabian Homes 'B', who defeated Alireza 'B' 5-4. Arabian Homes captain Alex Fish successfully spurred his promising team to victory in the all-important ninth game in this crucial promotion match.

The leadership battle for the Saudi Gazette Cup was finally resolved last weekend when Juffali edged past the holders Saudi Letco 5-4 to take the title.

The Juffali team have a remarkable history. Since joining the league three years ago in Division Three they have steadily improved and have never lost... a match!

Saudia Irregulars put paid to the Riofinix/BRGM 'A' team's title chances with a workmanlike 6-3 win. Dunes 'B' escaped the relegation axe with a tight 5-4 win over Arabian Homes 'A'.

Team captains are reminded of the awards presentation ceremony to be held at the Al Biad Hotel April 21. More information could be obtained from the league secretary.

Positions		
DIVISION ONE		
Juffali	7	58
Saudia Irregulars	7	52
Skanska 'A'	7	48
Saudi Letco	6	44
Riofinix/BRGM 'A'	6	44
Dunes 'B'	7	29
Dunes 'A'	7	28
Arabian Homes 'A'	7	18
DIVISION FOUR		
KAIA 'B'	8	75
Arabian Homes 'B'	8	71
Petroun/UOP	8	63
Alireza	8	58
Mobil 'B'	8	48
AOPC	7	33
Gray Kaskazie	8	21
Riofinix/BRGM 'C'	8	16
Dunes 'C'	7	8

Spotlight will be on Nicholas in Glasgow

GLASGOW, March 29 (R) — Striker Charlie Nicholas makes one of the most eagerly awaited debuts in Scottish football history when he faces Switzerland in a European Championship Group One match here Wednesday.

Although Nicholas is only 21, there has been a popular clamor for his selection for the past two seasons. His superb finishing for Celtic has already brought him more than 40 goals this season and Scottish supporters are banking on his quickly striking up a match-winning partnership with Liverpool's Kenny Dalglish.

Scotland are particularly anxious to do well against the same Swiss side who beat them 2-0 in Bern last November. That result provided further evidence of the growing stature of the present Swiss side, who defeated world champions Italy in a friendly in October.

If Scotland posse in Nicholas a striker they hope will serve them well, Switzerland have in Claudio Sulser a proven international goal-scorer. Sulser has fully recovered from a knee operation in January and on Sunday scored twice in a practice match against a Swiss under-21 selection.

Leipzig: East Germany, struggling in recent years to make an impact on the international soccer scene, will be hard pressed to rebuild their reputation against Belgium.

Although they have home advantage, the East German press have given their team no

more than a slim chance of winning and escaping from bottom place in Group One. In their only previous group match the East Germans lost 2-0 in Scotland.

Since 1974 when they reached the World Cup finals and beat West Germany, the eventual champions, before going out, East Germany have been generally disappointing. They even failed to qualify from a three-team group for last year's World Cup finals after a humiliating home defeat by Poland in October 1981.

Vienna: Defending champions West Germany will put recent disappointments behind them and go all out for goals in their Group Six match against Albania in Tirana.

West Germany, weakened by the withdrawal of five players, go into the match in the unaccustomed position of bottom team in the group after a humiliating 1-0 defeat by Northern Ireland last November. Team chief Jupp Derwall is under fire at home, but he put on a bold front in Tirana. "We will go full out from the start and will be looking for a quick decision. It certainly won't be easy but I have a good feeling," he told reporters after his squad had trained on the bumpy Tirana pitch.

In an effort to add extra punch to the attack, Derwall said he would move defender Hans-Peter Briegel into midfield alongside Stefan Engels and Hans Mueller. Briegel's runs from the back have been an important feature of the team's tactics.

Despite a lingering foot injury, former European footballer of the year Karl-Heinz Rummenigge will again lead the attack, flanked by Pierre Littbarski and Rudi Voeller. Derwall has been criticized for restoring Inter Milan's out-of-touch Mueller to the side. Mueller did not look very sharp in training but Derwall said he was sure he would perform well.

Belfast: Northern Ireland, who scored an historic 1-0 win over West Germany in their last home match, will be defending a three-year unbeaten record at Windsor Park when they meet Turkey.

It is a record they are unlikely to surrender against a Turkish side who were swamped 4-0 by Austria in their previous Group Six game. But Irish manager Billy Bingham has a number of problems, among them lifting Norman Whiteside, his 17-year-old striker, after the Manchester United player's disappointment in the English League Cup final against Liverpool last Saturday.

Bingham must also be worried about the form of three of his World Cup players, who have just returned to action after bad injuries. Striker Gerry Armstrong is back after breaking a leg. Martin O'Neill has had only two matches since breaking an arm and Dave McKeery returned as a substitute for Newcastle last Saturday after receiving a leg injury which needed more than 50 stitches.

Pan Am maintains 7-game winning streak

By Naiche Nedni-Apache

JEDDAH, March 29 — Pan Am of the "B" Division (Coral League) of the Jeddah Softball Consortium continues to astound. With their two victories this week, Pan Am has now won 11 of their last 13 games to complement their current seven-game winning streak.

They did the deed this week on their die hard rivals, Corp of Engineers, by the handy score of 10-5. They followed up with a 6-2 thumping of Parsons Daniel. A lot of Pan Am's recent success can be attributed to their pitcher, Dan "Mighty Joe" Young. He has pitched very well and has consistently stopped hard hit balls that would have normally accounted for several base hits in each of the last two games. Hitting wise, big bats have been swung with effectiveness by Carson Proctor, Jess Patterson, Jose Cadena and outfield flash, Andy McGrath. The Pan Am team could be the sleepers to watch in the upcoming playoffs.

Elsewhere in the "B" Division, all games that were scheduled to be played were in fact played. It appeared as though the weather might have forced rescheduling of some contests, or so Jack Lee Martin must have assumed as he attended a number of games in his "very" well worn and infamous raincoat. However, occasional flashes in the overall "outlook" of things was all that was in evidence and all matches occurred as planned. Example: KAIA managed to pound MOPCI into utter submission, 28-10. (Where was Tommy King?) They returned to lose however, to the "Jimmy Williams Wranglers" from Sogex, 11-4. Sogex later forfeited to Whittaker when they couldn't round up their trusty steeds to get to the game on time. Next, Raytheon R&R wanted to get in on a good thing and took the place of the action on their singular outing this week and did it to KAIA, 16-4.

Next, Mobil jumped on fellow-oilers, MOPCI, 16-1. Mobil also scored 16 against Lockheed II, unfortunately, Lockheed II scored 17, Parsons Daniel, besides losing to Pan Am, barely managed (by one run) to overcome lowly DATA, 5-4. It can't be much closer and still be a game folks. The Corp of Engineers, upset at being used for warm-up by Pan Am, turned around and subjected Whittaker to the same kind of treatment as they erupted for 23 runs while Whittaker could only manage 10.

Division "A", gets tighter and tighter, just the way me and Jack like it. The Al-Salam Meridian Vets continue their dash for first place by overcoming the Teddy Bears of the "A" Division, the Pratt & Whitney Eagles, 14-2. Vets play was highlighted by everybody. Worth mentioning were the quick hands and moves of outfielder Corky Muller with able assistance from John Guierrez and Tom Connelly. John Lancaster at first base bolstered the defense. Bob Rose put on displays of speed on the base paths that exceed his performance in the stands. The Vet bats talked again, or should I say, sang in unison as Pete "Boomer" Bauers and Joe Scheiber hit home runs to boost the Vet total to 60 so far for the year.

Joe Marott still leads the league in third strike foul balls. For each additional one he now hits, he gets a special sticker for his hat from Vet coach, Jack Graham. His hat now resembles one large "sticker" ball. The Eagles were ably assisted by John "I Stopped By Your House" McLeod, Ken Lanigan, Jim "Am I Up" Williams and Billy "Speed of Light" Townes. Also of Great assistance to the Eagles effort was newcomer Bill Beatty, who has shown great promise with his moves in the Pratt & Whitney outfield.

Immediately following the game between the Al-Salam Meridian Vets and Pratt & Whitney, one of the best contests of the year took place. It pitted Lockheed I against the cows from U.S. Beef. It was one heck of a game. The Beef team won it 8-7 in a see-saw battle that saw the lead change several times.

It started off looking bleak as Lockheed hit everything, Mike "My Back Is Better" Padgett, could throw at them, including a towering home run by Lockheed's star short stop, Gary Fagg. However, after Padgett got slipped a note of unknown origin, Lockheed I failed to hit anything worth talking about. Further scoring on their part was unearned as a few balls got away from otherwise heads up defense led by shortstop Steve Gilmore, who instigated a number of double plays. Outfielders Jim Jordan and Les Williams, among others, rallied in effort in the late innings to keep Lockheed I away from home plate. Beef catcher Al Okander, of ping pong running fame, also hit a long home run to contribute

to the Beef effort.

In the Wadi Division, the big game of the week saw Mobil (W) let it all hang out as they downed the powerful Safeway Truly Fine team, 14-6. On defense, George Leddy's Mobil (W) group witnessed H. Teator end it all by stabbing a hard hit line drive and quickly throw to first base to pick off the runner for a double play.

The balance of the infield, D. Nowak at second, J. Swift at first and their right on regular at third, S. Mapes, did it all. Offensively, H. Teator went 3 for 4 with a home run, L. Hayes smacked fire out of the ball going 4 for 4 with two doubles, D. Bray hit two key singles at very touchy points in the game to score badly needed runs, while pitcher K. Gryczka returned to "glory again" striking out several of the Truly Fine squad.

While Safeway was losing, the Blue Angels put it all back together to win two games and move back into first place as they managed it by beating the Corp of Engineers (W) team twice. By virtue of the Corp (W) losses and Mobil's (W) win, Mobil (W) now moves into the coveted, playoff bound, fourth place slot. Can they keep it? Hyatt Touch of Class stepped firmly in third place with a win over Whittaker (W), 15-4.

I would like to take the opportunity to say good bye to Ron Klein (read Jaro Hakle), who has occasionally been an associate, often an advocate, regularly helpful and always interesting. More next week.

How they fared			
"A" DIVISION			
Killer Bees	23	8	.742
Lockheed I	22	9	.710
Meridian Vets	21	9	.700
U.S. Beef	19	11	.633
Pratt/Whitney Eagles	4	30	.118
"B" DIVISION			
CORAL LEAGUE			
Raytheon R&R	21	3	.875
Pan Am	17	8	.680
Corp of Eng'r	16	11	.593
KAO	13	10	.565
Sogex	12	13	.480
Whittaker	7	19	.269
MOPCI	3	20	.130
OASIS LEAGUE			
Raytheon ADI	18	7	.720
Mobil	15	10	.600
Parsons Daniel	15	12	.555
Lockheed II	15	13	.535
KAIA	10	16	.385
PCS	10	17	.370
DATA	7	23	.233
Bendix	4	23	.148
WADI DIVISION			
Blue Angels	22	6	.786
Safeway Truly Fine	20	6	.769
Hyatt Touch of Class	15	10	.600
Mobil (W)	10	15	.400
Corp of Eng'r (W)	9	16	.360
Whittaker (W)	1	24	.040

2 mobike riders badly hurt in crash

LE MANS, France, March 29 (Agencies) — Iwao Ishikawa of Japan and Italian rider Loris Reggiani were rushed to hospital after a serious accident at the Bugatti circuit here Tuesday during practice session for the French Motorcycling Speed Grand Prix.

The accident occurred toward the end of the session, as Ishikawa and Reggiani collided on a bend and their bikes flew over the safety rails at the side of the track.

Both the riders were rushed to hospital in Tours where it was later reported that Reggiani was out of danger, but had suffered multiple fractures to his arms and legs. The hospital sources said he had broken his left wrist and forearm as well as his left leg just above the ankle. There was no news on Ishikawa's condition.

Meanwhile, the organizers of the Long Beach Grand Prix announced the end of Formula One racing in the city because of costs, just a day after Irish driver John Watson won the eighth Grand Prix race there.

Instead, Long Beach will run a U.S. Indy-Style Car "World Series" event next year, Chris Pook, President of the Long Beach Grand Prix Association, said. "Basically, we're buying American," he declared.

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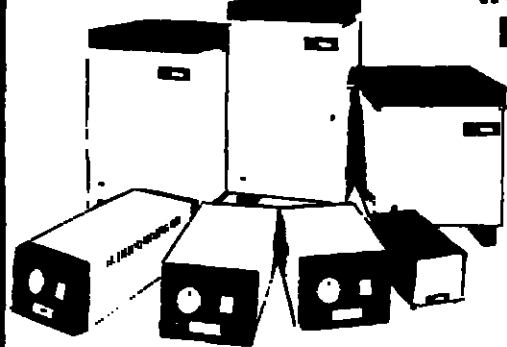
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Bishops condemn slayings, brutalities

Mugabe probes army excesses

HARARE, March 29 (R) — Prime Minister Robert Mugabe has said an investigation is being held into reports of excesses by troops in the Zimbabwe province of Matabeleland, the Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace said Tuesday.

The unofficial human rights watchdog said in a statement that a delegation which met Mugabe on Monday had been heartened by his response to charges of wrongdoing. The commission said last week that human rights in the region, where troops have been conducting anti-rebel operations, were being violated, with men, women and children killed and injured.

In a statement Wednesday, the commission said its delegation had a frank and constructive discussion with Mugabe. "The delegation was heartened by the positive response from the prime minister, who assured the delegation that an investigation is in progress and that all reliably reported cases of abuse of authority by the national army would be investigated," it said. It gave no further details.

Asked to comment on the statement, a government spokesman confirmed an investigation was taking place. The government has consistently denied allegations of wrongdoing by troops, blaming atrocities on rebels posing as security forces.

On Tuesday, Catholic bishops accused the army of killing and maiming hundreds of innocent people in a reign of terror in Matabeleland.

A pastoral statement by the bishops' conference, headed by Archbishop Patrick Chakaipa of Harare, accused unnamed public figures of trying to cover up atrocities which, it said, were breeding feelings of hatred and revenge that could bring more violence in future.

It was the strongest public condemnation of military action in the province since troops of Mugabe's government began anti-rebel operations there in mid-January.

"Violent reaction against dissident activity has, to our certain knowledge, brought about the maiming and death of hundreds and hundreds of innocent people who are neither dissidents nor collaborators," the bishops said.

"We are convinced by incontrovertible evidence that many wanton atrocities and brutalities have been and are still being perpetrated. The facts point to a reign of

terror caused by wanton killings, woundings, beatings, burnings and rapings. Many homes have been burned down.

"People in rural areas are starving, not only because of the drought but because in some cases supplies of food have been deliberately cut off and in other cases access to food supplies has been restricted or stopped," they said. The bishops accused unidentified influential people of inflaming the situation with public speeches, others of trying to cover up and thereby increasing suffering, and the Zimbabwe media of failing to publish the facts.

The bishops said that rebels had maltreated and killed a considerable number of people and destroyed vast quantities of property. They supported government attempts to restore order but viewed with dismay the methods adopted — "methods which would be firm and just but degenerated into brutality and atrocity." The bishops said they had submitted evidence.

Atrocities allegations were first leveled against the army two months ago by the Matabeleland-based opposition ZAPU Party of Joshua Nkomo, who has fled to London saying he feared for his life. He said the government aimed to smash his party structure and support in order to create a one-party state.

Foreign meddling alleged

HARARE, March 29 (AFP) — Zimbabwe's Security Minister Emerson Munangagwa has accused unnamed foreign governments of interfering in Zimbabwe's internal affairs by telling it how to deal with the year-old unrest in the southwestern province of Matabeleland.

Munangagwa told a meeting of industrialists here Monday night that his government had never attempted to teach other governments how to solve their problems. "But some governments have tried to teach us this game. In so doing they are forgetting that we are a sovereign state," he said.

He did not specify which governments he had in mind, but Sweden recently announced it was suspending discussions on 1983-84 aid to Zimbabwe pending clarification of the situation in Matabeleland.

Reports indicate that upwards of 1,000 civilians have been killed in the army's operations there against anti-government dissidents — rebel guerrillas formerly in the wartime forces of opposition leader Joshua Nkomo.

A number of other Western countries including the United States, Zimbabwe's biggest aid donor, are known to have expressed concern privately to the government of Prime Minister Robert Mugabe over developments in the southwest.

Both Mugabe and his foreign minister, Witness Mangwende, have strongly rejected foreign involvement in Zimbabwe's affairs and what they see as attempts to use assistance as a lever on the Harare government. "We are not dictated to from your capitals," Mugabe angrily told Western journalists at a news conference here two weeks ago.

Gandhi begins tour today

Assam issues shoot orders

NEW DELHI, March 29 (Agencies) — Police were Tuesday ordered to shoot at sight anyone found committing violence in the Assam village of Borgoria, where at least 10 persons were reported killed in a mob attack Monday, Indian news agencies reported from the state.

Head of the state administration Hiteswar Saikia on Tuesday visited the scene of the latest killings, in Sibsagar district and announced relief aid of about \$200 for each affected family and promised further help for their rehabilitation, the reports said.

The renewed killings, after a respite of about a week, occurred as Prime Minister Indira Gandhi is due to make a two-day tour of the trouble-scattered northeastern state starting Wednesday.

Troops and paramilitary units Tuesday searched parts of Assam for arms and explosives on the eve of Mrs. Gandhi's visit. The 65-year-old premier flies there Wednesday on her third tour of the Brahmaputra valley state in the past 10 weeks.

Militant Assamese leaders have declared Wednesday a day of mourning for those killed in the Assam bloodbath and have urged supporters to boycott the prime minister's meetings and hang out black flags. They announced the temporary suspension at the weekend of their anti-immigrant campaign which helped trigger last month's violence during state elections. About 3,000 persons were killed and 250,000 made homeless.

The Press Trust of India news agency said the army and paramilitary units were combing parts of Assam looking for arms, ammunition and explosives. In the central Nowgong district, scene of a big massacre of Muslim immigrants by Assamese tribesmen last month, around 100 persons suspected of involvement in large-scale violence had been detained, the agency added.

Mrs. Gandhi will visit some of the 150 newly established relief camps and the main trouble spots in both central and upper Assam during her tour.

In an editorial *The Times of India* Tuesday said "the first, faint ray of hope is at last visible in the pervasive darkness of Assam" as a result of the militants suspending the main part of their agitation.

It called for Assam Governor Prakash Mehrotra to be sacked and assurances the newly elected government in Gauhati, which it described as wholly unrepresentative, "will not be foisted on the people of Assam indefinitely."

U.S. refuses to discuss involvement

Nicaragua-Honduras talks proposed

UNITED NATIONS, March 29 (Agencies) — Nicaragua proposed Monday that the head of its Sandinista government and the president of Honduras meet to settle their countries' differences.

Nicaraguan Deputy Foreign Minister Victor Hugo Tinoco told the U.N. Security Council that the meeting should be held in the presence of the presidents of Mexico and Venezuela.

Honduras said it was ready for a dialogue with Nicaragua but did not want to send its president until the dialogue had reached an advanced stage. Honduran Ambassador Enrique Ortiz said his government would prefer that the observers be Mexico, Panama, Colombia and the Dominican Republic.

Tinoco and Ortiz spoke during a U.N. Security Council debate on a Nicaraguan complaint against Honduras. Nicaragua alleges that Nicaraguan dissidents have invaded Nicaragua from Honduras and are seeking to overthrow the Managua government.

The 15-nation council, with a weekend break, had debated the Nicaraguan complaint for four days beginning last Wednesday. More debate was scheduled.

Tinoco, in his speech, also called for a meeting between representatives of Nicaragua and the United States, promoting

Etna spews lava

CATANIA, Sicily, March 29 (AFP) — A new crack appeared overnight in the southern slope of Mount Etna, triggering a fresh flow of lava toward the valley, informed sources said. Lava has been flowing since the weekend from three southern openings at around 2,250 meters at a rate of two meters a minute over a front two kilometers wide.

Local authorities have taken maximum civil defense measures although no major population center is threatened for the moment. The flow Tuesday split in two, with one stream reaching the Esplanade in front of the cablecar at the Sapienza refuge, 1,900 meters in altitude.

Ten pylons supporting a ski lift and the cablecar were swept away, as was a bungalow. Teams of firemen, carabinieri and police, supported by army units, evacuated the area Tuesday and emptied a huge fuel storage tank.

The second stream was continuing to move toward the Serra la Nave tourist village at 1,800 meters which has now been evacuated. A carabinieri post has been destroyed and two restaurants badly damaged.

The higher slopes are currently covered with snow, and witnesses reported that the contact with the snow was causing explosions shooting incandescent rubble 60 meters into the air. Professor Giuseppe Luongo, director of the Vesuvius Observatory, said that Etna's eruption was to be expected after several months of total calm.

The fresh lava was running along the path taken by debris from a 1910 eruption which reached the outskirts of the village of Nicolosi.

a cool reaction from the United States, which accuses Nicaragua of funneling arms to leftists in El Salvador.

Honduran Foreign Minister Edgardo Paz Barrios, speaking before Tinoco, had told the council, "the government of Nicaragua is involved in an armed struggle of an internal nature. Nicaraguans are fighting against Nicaraguans on Nicaraguan soil."

The United States said Monday fighting between Nicaraguan government troops and rebel groups was an internal problem, and refused to discuss reports of U.S. involvement.

State Department spokesman Alan Rom-

berg cited "long-standing practice" in declining to answer questions about a flurry of news reports of covert American efforts to destabilize or bring down Nicaragua's leftist government.

Time magazine said this week that Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) experts and U.S. Army officers based in Panama were controlling commanders of the Nicaraguan Democratic Front (FDN), an alliance of rebels opposed to the Sandinista government.

The *New York Times* reported that Nicaraguans described as insurgents appeared to be operating from a camp in Honduras, near the Nicaraguan border.

New Calvi inquest ordered

LONDON, March 29 (R) — Britain's High Court Tuesday ordered a new inquest into the death of Italian banker Roberto Calvi, who was found hanging from scaffolding under a London bridge last June. The court quashed a majority verdict of suicide returned by an inquest jury last July.

The Calvi family, who believes the 62-year-old banker was murdered, had appealed against the original verdict, saying it had new evidence. Calvi was president of Italy's largest private bank, the now liquidated Banco Ambrosiano, which has links with the Vatican Bank.

He was found hanging under Blackfriars Bridge over London's River Thames last June 18, three days before his appeal was due to be heard against a 1981 conviction in Italy for illegally exporting currency, which had precipitated a major scandal. He had jumped bail whilst awaiting the appeal against a four-year suspended jail sentence

and \$12.5 million fine.

Britain's lord chief justice, Lord Lane, criticized the way the inquest had been conducted and ordered a new hearing under a different coroner. George Carman, the Calvi family lawyer, told the court that the banker believed his life was in danger.

He read a sworn statement from Calvi's son, Carlo, who said he understood that at the Italian appeal hearing against his conviction for smuggling \$20 million out of the country Calvi would have had to name the recipients of the money.

Carman also said that two to three weeks after Calvi's death, one of his associates, Flavio Carboni, withdrew about \$20 million from Swiss bank accounts. Carman added that Carboni had told Swiss police the money was given or caused to be given to him by Calvi but he had refused to name "the ultimate recipients of the major proportion of that considerable sum of money."

Doctors attending Clark's funeral

FEDERAL WAY, Washington, March 29 (AP) — University of Utah Medical Center surgeons who helped give Barney Clark an extra 112 days of life were among those gathering Tuesday to pay last respects to the man whose polyurethane heart made history.

Cards, telegrams and gifts continued to pour in to the family of the world's first permanent artificial heart recipient, medical center spokesman John Dwan said Monday. Clark's family had asked for a "very simple" funeral. About 2,000 persons, including relatives, friends, reporters and people who never knew him but came to admire him, are expected to attend the funeral.

The 62-year-old retired dentist died at the University of Utah Medical Center in Salt Lake City on Wednesday, his 112th day on the artificial heart.

The cause of death was collapse of his circulatory system and failure of several organs, doctors said. After Clark was declared dead, the heart was turned off. It remains at the University of Utah Medical Center for research.

"The family wanted something very simple," Terry Clark, the wife of Clark's son, Stephen, said Monday. She said, however, the family had decided to open the service to members of the public, because "they were so supportive throughout" Clark's ordeal.

Among those who flew to Washington state from Salt Lake City to attend included Dr. William C. Devries, head surgeon on the implant team; Dr. Lyle Joyce, assisting surgeon; Dr. Robert Jarvik, inventor of the Heart; Dr. Ross Woolley, head of the artificial heart subcommittee of the university's institutional review board, and Dr. Chase N. Peterson, university vice president for health sciences.

Clark was born in Provo, Utah, and graduated from the University of Washington. He spent his entire dental career in the Seattle area.

In her first public statement since her husband's death, Una Loy Clark said Saturday that he "never gave up" despite the pain. He never regretted his decision and, she said, "I will tell the next patient, 'the heart works.' I would tell them to go for it."

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